

Mr Jenkins warns MPs of risk to freedom in fighting bombers

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The remaining stages of the Prevention of Terrorism (Temporary Provisions) Bill. The Speaker refused to call an amendment, tabled by Mrs Jill Knight and supported by many Conservative backbenchers, calling for the death penalty

Death penalty debate before Christmas

By Hugh Noyes Parliamentary Correspondent Westminster

As both Houses of Parliament were preparing yesterday to sit through the night if necessary to ensure that the Government's emergency measures to combat terrorism became law by early today, Mr Jenkins gave a grim warning in the Commons that there could be no more gratifying victory for the IRA than if in the process of countering our enemies we were to undermine our traditional freedom.

and supported by a large number of Tory backbenchers. Most MPs were satisfied with the promise earlier in the day by Mr Short, Leader of the House, that he would arrange a debate on capital punishment before Christmas.

As the second reading of the Bill got under way last night there were deep concerns from many Birmingham MPs at the effect of the recent outrages on many of their constituents. In a moving speech, Mr Brian Walden, Labour MP for Birmingham, Ladywood, said he was alarmed that so many people under stress of emotion wished to do or to have done things that could not be justified morally or in terms of benefit to the Government.

The overwhelming mood in his constituency was one of vengeance. His constituents wanted revenge for the unbelievable atrocity and carnage committed, but he added, they might have to face the cruel fact that revenge and victory over the IRA could be two separate things. Mr Walden said he had been begging Birmingham people to do nothing to disgrace the city or inflict on the innocent punishment that should be reserved for the guilty.

Seldom on such major legislation can Parliament have been so united as it was yesterday on the Prevention of Terrorism (Temporary Provisions) Bill. In spite of a large number of amendments proposed either to strengthen or to extend the Bill, there was a clear acceptance of the main provisions.

The Home Secretary reminded MPs that the ability by the police to act in the way provided in the Bill could be decisive in preventing a major act of terrorism. In bringing forward the legislation he had tried to steer between the two dangers: on the one hand of failing to take sufficiently effective action to deal with terrorism and on the other to over-react and risk doing serious damage to our traditional respect for human freedom and dignity.

From the Conservative benches in both the Commons and the Lords there was widespread approval for what Mr Jenkins was proposing. But from the front benches in both Houses there were appeals to the Government to act so that its proscribed organizations should not have, in the words of Sir Keith Joseph, "a national and perhaps an even international platform by way of the media."

Mr Jenkins told the House that the proscribing of named organizations could be justified only by the wholly exceptional situation now confronting the country. The Government's aim was to make sure that our defences against further outrages were as effective as possible.

There were rumbles of approval as the Home Secretary told the House that although "proscription of the IRA would not in itself reduce terrorist outrages, the public should no longer have to endure the affront of public demonstrations in support of that body. He gave a warning that the struggle to rid the country of terrorists might not be a short one.

With many United Ulster Unionists deeply concerned at the effect of the Bill on the situation in Northern Ireland, Mr Jenkins gave an assurance that there was no question of using the province as a dumping ground for Irish terrorists who had no local connections with Northern Ireland.

How could we be sure, he asked, that this was not an executive action? He suggested the name of Mary Holland and Thames Television.

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Labour conference side-steps issue of who controls policy

By Our Political Staff

The Labour Party conference yesterday delicately side-stepped the controversy over who rules the Labour Government or the party's national executive committee. Miss Joan Lester, one of the three ministers who lately challenged Mr Wilson's stand on the doctrine of ministerial collective responsibility, replied to a debate on South Africa and the Simonstown agreement, and succeeded in taking all the sting out of the argument.



Mr Wilson addressing the Labour Party conference in London yesterday. Report, page 8.

As Miss Lester said, Mr Wilson had suggested that she, having kicked over the traces, should make the reply; and she chose to interpret as a compliment what many thought Mr Wilson had intended as a chastising discipline.

"We know the Labour Government is constrained by all sorts of factors, many of them worse than when we came to power in 1964. The critical thing in this relationship is that the Labour Government should always show it has a will to carry out the programme. This is what delegates were getting at, they felt that will floated (that is, on Simonstown)."

Mr Neil Kinnock, parliamentary private secretary to Mr Foot, summed up the situation when he commented in the debate that the fundamental power conflict would have to be left for another occasion. Meanwhile, he implied, let the NEC and the Government make an appropriate gesture.

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Shire horses die after being sold to Nigeria

By Maurice Corina and Malcolm Brown

Twelve of Britain's prize Shire horses—mating with certified pedigrees—all died soon after arriving in Northern Nigeria under an unusual export contract.

For more than three weeks, the Plymouth company which arranged the sale and the Nigerian authorities have concealed the tragedy from the Shire Horse Society, which assisted in their supply, as well as former owners and breeders.

After persistent inquiries by The Times in the past few days, the Flower Group, West Country agricultural exporters, admitted yesterday that all the valuable horses it had sold and sent by air to the Military Government of Kano perished from African horse sickness.

A spokesman said the company had been reluctant to answer questions originally because a condition of the export contract had been the maintenance of total confidentiality.

The Shire Horse Society, which is based in Peterborough and is jealous of its worldwide reputation for breeding the finest heavy horses, expressed "utmost astonishment" and "deep distress" that the magnificent and hand-picked specimens had died and that the breeders were not told the former owners were in tears when their horses were loaded on to a specially chartered Boeing 707 at Gatwick on October 6 and flown to Kano.

Within days of their arrival, arranged for the horses were suffering fever, eventually dying from suffocation or chronic heart failure. By November 8, all were dead. From the date of their shipment until yesterday, no one in the British Shire Horse Society was told of this tragic end. They had been told the horses had arrived safely and were fit and well.

Herr Schmidt ready to shoot from the hip

From Dan van der Var, Bonn, Nov 28

When Herr Helmut Schmidt, the West German Chancellor, enters the lions' den on Saturday to talk to the Labour Party conference about Europe, he will speak without a prepared text.

British correspondents in Bonn had the chance a few days ago to sound out Herr Schmidt about what he will say and how he views the controversy which the British Labour Party about the European Community.

He believes Labour should stand back from the tree it is arguing about and have a look at the wood for a change. I also believe Herr Schmidt thinks that if only the party would sit down and work out where its interests and its future lie, the answer would be a grateful "yes" to Europe.

The West Germans would prefer Britain to stay in the EEC. To use a stronger word than "prefer" would be out of place. But if Britain left, West Germany would immediately put its shoulders and cast its regards to Belgium that Bonn will actually fight to keep Britain in would be, in the Chancellor's phrase, "a cardinal error."

Anti-marketsters in the party have threatened to walk out if the Chancellor turns his 16 1/2 15-minute speech into a lecture. It is said that there could even be a walkout from the platform if Herr Schmidt departs from the role of an impartial delegate from the Social Democratic Party.

By speaking from a few jotted notes rather than reading out a carefully prepared text, the Chancellor will be "shooting from the hip," as one observer calls it, which is something he is fond of doing. All this and the fact that he is due to start talking at midday combine to suggest a taut scene from High Noon.

He does not assume a subjective reference to the result, because all depends on what the Labour Government will recommend. The real decision, therefore, he sees as being that of the Government.

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Brussels proposes EEC farm price rises

From David Cross, Brussels, Nov. 28

EEC farmers would on average receive a 9 per cent price rise for their produce in the new year under plans announced by the European Commission in Brussels today.

The impact of the price package on consumer prices as a whole should mean an average increase of about 0.5 per cent next year and on food prices alone of about 2 per cent, Mr Pierre Ardin, the Commissioner for Agriculture, told a press conference in Brussels today.

Under the Commission's plans there would be a 5 per cent reduction in the common border taxes, 2.75 per cent for the Benelux countries and 3.5 per cent for France. In West Germany, Belgium, Holland and Luxembourg, whose currencies have increased in value, the suggested modifications would effectively mean lower price rises for producers compared with their colleagues in other member states. In France, on the other hand, where the franc has floated down, farmers would get an extra increase.

This West German farmers would on average receive an extra 5 per cent for their produce (the general increase of 11 per cent less the 5 per cent reduction in border taxes) but French producers would receive an extra 14.5 per cent.

Asked if extraterritorial measures could be introduced to cover fugitives from other crimes carried out in Britain, which has requested to be amended to cover one serious crime committed there: conspiracy to cause explosions.

But, because of the complicated way in which the proposals have been worked out, farmers in some countries would receive more than others. In Italy, for example, producer prices would rise by an average of 8 per cent and in other parts of the Community by an average of 11 per cent.

To encourage farmers to increase their production of commodities in short supply, the Commission recommends particularly high price increases for sugar beet, oil producing plants and most cereals. The price of sugar beet would go up by a total of 16 per cent in two stages, olive oil by 15 per cent and maize by 11 per cent.

Other suggested measures announced by Mr Ardin, today for approval by member governments at the same time as the price package, include special premiums of £15 a head for high-quality beef cattle and financial assistance for young farmers. The Commission is also calling on the nine to complete details of a special scheme to give financial assistance to farmers in hill areas and other depressed regions.

He said that any initiative on extending the legislation would have to come from the British and would involve drawing up new laws rather than amendments to existing ones.

The Irish Government is anxious to dispel the notion that it has previously adopted a soft line towards terrorists but officials say there is no possibility of making anti-terrorist legislation retrospective.

Revelation at the outrages in Birmingham is likely to stiffen determined opposition to the Bill, which Mr Cooney expects to come law early next year. Arising out of deliberations of the Anglo-Irish Law Commission, it will give courts in the republic jurisdiction over a number of crimes committed in the north, including murder, arson, armed robbery, hijacking and possession of firearms.

British officials in Dublin feel that early attempts will be made to put forward proposals to prevent men who have committed similar offences in Britain using the Republic as a haven.

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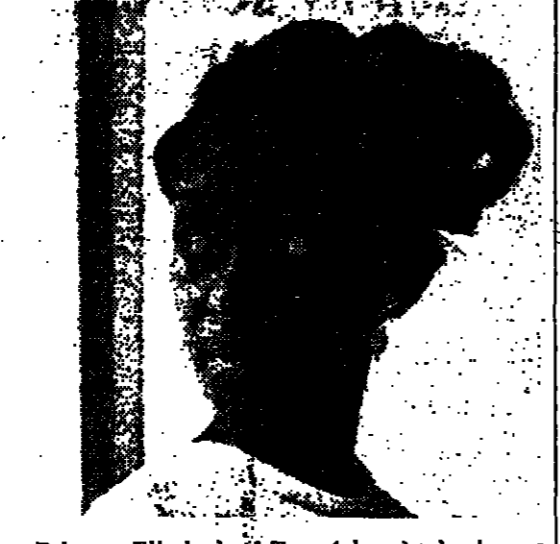
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Exoneration for Special Branch

Plans by the Provisional IRA to mount in England a campaign that would "shock the world" were disclosed to the Special Branch by their undercover informer, Mr Kenneth Lennon, who was later murdered, it was stated in a report to the Home Secretary published yesterday.



Princess Elizabeth of Toro (above), also known as Miss Bagaya and, until yesterday Uganda's Foreign Minister, has been dismissed from her post by President Amin because, he said, she had made love in a lavatory at Paris airport with an unknown European. She was also a security risk. Page 9

The report is by Mr James Starritz, Deputy Commissioner of the Metropolitan Police, on the actions of police officers concerned with the case. Last night the National Council for Civil Liberties attacked the report as "disreputable" and "a whitewash on the Special Branch".

Arts in danger

Much of what has been achieved in the arts with public funds will be swept away unless the Government increases its grant to keep pace with inflation, the annual report of the Arts Council says. The potential damage to Britain's reputation is out of proportion to the cost.

Mr Starritz says he found no evidence to substantiate allegations in the account of an interview between Mr Lennon and the National Council for Civil Liberties before his body was found in a ditch.

Archaeology: Antiquarians in Scotland have called for action to protect the country's heritage from developers.

The account the NCCL published alleged that police had sought Mr Lennon out and blackmailed him into becoming an informer. Mr Starritz says that at the outset Mr Lennon approached the Special Branch voluntarily and offered information. When he was last in touch with them he made no request for protection and gave no indication that he feared for his life. The NCCL last night called for a public inquiry. Report, page 6; Reaction, page 7; Leading article, page 19

Welfare warning: Panic cuts in social spending would be idiotic, Lord Goodman says.

Oil negotiation

A three-man team led by the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster, Mr Peter Carron, is negotiating with Esso executives today.

Identity parades: Changes are urged by Justice, which says uncorroborated identification is the greatest cause of miscarriages of justice.

Move on rubber price

In a move to stabilize the price, Malaysia day announced a ES5m scheme to remove from the market. The spot price has been falling in London since early January, news of the scheme improved yesterday 1p higher at 24.25p per kilo.

News ban: Press may accept exclusion from certain local courts "white meetings" without question, royal commission told.

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HOME NEWS

UDA and Provisionals agree on no-killing truce in Londonderry

From Robert Fisk Londonderry. The Provisional IRA and Protestant Ulster Defence Association in Londonderry have agreed to a secret truce that neither side will engage again in sectarian murders. The agreement, almost unprecendented in Northern Ireland, was worked out after the Provisionals, who shot dead two Protestants just over the border in Co Donegal earlier this month sent an intermediary to a "loyalist" politician who represents the city in the Ulster Assembly. The politician, believed to be Mr Glen Barr, Vanguard representative for Londonderry and a leading figure in last May's Ulster Workers' Council strike, apparently passed the intermediary on to the local UDA leader in the Waterside district and a message was passed back to the IRA that if no more Protestants died there would be no more revenge killings, even though a Roman Catholic had been murdered a little while before. Londonderry has for the past three years remained comparatively uncontaminated by the outbreak of sectarian warfare which has swept Belfast and other towns at a cost of nearly 300 lives, and, save for a public house shooting about two years ago, there had been no open religious killings until Mr Hugh Slater and Mr Leonard Cross, the two Protestants, were shot dead on November 12 and left on a Co Donegal road. The Provisionals said they were "spies" for the security forces, one was to have joined the Army the day after his body was found, but loyalist extremists thought differently, and within 24 hours Michael Brennan, a young Catholic, was shot dead in the Waterside. Noone is prepared publicly to disclose the name of the IRA and UDA intermediary, although it is believed he is an outsider and belongs to neither community in the city. The church authorities in Londonderry were certainly made aware of the agreement and since the truce started no sectarian shooting has occurred.

People told to scatter if bomb goes off

Scotland Yard's bomb squad yesterday warned people to scatter from the scene of any terrorist explosion. On Wednesday night a double blast in Chelsea injured eight people, four of them policemen. Commander Robert Huntley, head of the squad, said: "I must stress to the public who happen to be at the scene of an explosion or of a suspected device that it is most important that they should not linger in the vicinity."

Early transfer of Price sisters ruled out

By Our Parliamentary Staff Mr Jenkins, the Home Secretary, said yesterday that there could be no question of an early move of the Price sisters to Ulster, because of changes in the security situation. He said in a Commons written reply that the proposal for moving the sisters had been subject to there being no great outbreak of violence or deterioration in the security situation. He added: "These conditions have clearly not been fulfilled."

'If you give us Northern Ireland we will return Kilburn and Cricklewood to you' Age shows up differences in IRA attitudes of the Irishmen in London

By a Staff Reporter In an afternoon spent incognito wandering down Kilburn High Road in north London yesterday, I was astounded by the difference in attitude between some young Irishmen who have been in Britain for a short time and hope eventually to return home and older people who have settled here permanently. Politicians who hoped that the Birmingham bombs would somehow shock all Irishmen in Britain into condemning the IRA and its methods would despair. In the main, Irish people who recognize London as their home were far more scathing in their criticism of the IRA than the young men who regard themselves as temporary exiles. From the comfortable and carpeted Memphis Belle public house, where for 10p you can hear republican songs on the juke box, to the rambling Lord Palmerston, some customers would give only qualified condemnation of the bomb outrages. Four young navies drinking in The Cook made it clear that the bombs or other outrages had not diminished their support for the IRA. The men, all in their early twenties, were extremely polite but appeared rather bemused that anyone should question their support for those they regard as bold and daring freedom fighters. One, who described himself rather dubiously as Ned Kelly, said: "I didn't believe in the Birmingham bombings but I do believe in the IRA cause. I believe in military campaigns against the Army and security forces in this country as well as in Northern Ireland. His three colleagues nodded agreement. He continued: "The measures against the IRA will have no effect. They have been banned in Ireland for years and it made no difference there." The IRA were at war to free their homeland and although the Birmingham bombs were "dreadful", it had to be accepted that mistakes were made in a war situation, he said. Mr Kelly and his friends agreed that they were making a good living in London and had encountered no hostility. "The simple fact is," he said, "we believe in a United Ireland, and the IRA are fighting to achieve it against the army of occupation. If you give us Northern Ireland we will return Kilburn and Cricklewood to you."

He condemned the Birmingham bombings emphatically: "It is ridiculous altogether, and as an Irishman I want to say that I don't believe in the carry on at all. I just want to get on with my life without hurting or being hurt by anyone." Mr Patrick Hassett, a barman, with the IRA action. We came to this country to earn a living and we want to live in harmony with the English with no trouble." They both thought the vast majority of Irishmen in Britain would share their views and pointed out that their own government had outlawed the IRA and other terrorist groups. They chuckled when I asked to be directed to the Lord Palmerston, and said I would "get a fine welcome there". The Lord Palmerston, which has a reputation for being frequented by republican sympathizers, was almost empty in the early afternoon. "What do I think of the bombings?" asked an upright, middle-aged man. "Disgraceful, that's what." He said that as an old soldier of the British Army, serving in an Irish regiment, he was frightened of no one. But he kept his voice low and would not give his name. Another customer said: "I wish that hard-line republicans would not meet here. They are dedicated men and they frighten me. I just want to get on with my job, but it is difficult to relax here after work because of bomb threats by English people." Some miles and a world away, in the Irish Club, the members were as opposed to the bombers and the IRA as anyone could be. "If we were to list the people who gave their lives voluntarily for Britain it would take all week", one member said. "We are horrified by the Birmingham bombs but it hurts to think that it took an outrage in an English city to prompt the Government into firm action against the IRA when more than a thousand people have been killed in Northern Ireland." He asked: "Does it mean the Government values English lives more than lives in Ireland?" His friend, whose parents just outside Belfast, said: "Any measure to deter IRA or any other terrorist would be welcome to us. Popular support can be seen in their negligible results in the ballot box. If there is a lash against Irish people the perpetrators will themselves to the level of IRA."

A strong reaction came from Mr Barry MacMahon, of film agency. He said it was enough for Irishmen to condemn the bombings, should stand up and be counted in good faith register names and addresses with local police stations. We show the British people a huge majority of Irish are utterly against people." Sergeant Les Male, chief of the Police Federation, said: "This registration would be practical. But it's good to Irishmen are sufficient concerned to show this willing."

Harrowing scenes at coroner's court

From Arthur Osman Birmingham. The residual fury and the awful grief of Birmingham in the aftermath of the bombings was centred on two adjoining streets of the city yesterday. Relatives of the 19 dead, to be joined at a separate inquest on Monday by those of the twentieth young victim who died yesterday, identified their sons, daughters, brothers or husbands in a harrowing procession from the mortuary to the witness box. In a street near by, crowds held back by police officers, belated their anger as six men accused of murder left the Law Courts in a heavily guarded convoy for Birmingham prison. The six were remanded in custody for a week. Mr Paul Beasley, who had identified his brother, said it was a macabre procession that could have been avoided. As the Lord Mayor of Birmingham's appeal fund rose to nearly £60,000, with a cheque for £1,000 from the city's Irish Community Centre, the Bishop of Birmingham, the Right Rev. Laurence Brown, spoke at a service for 3,000 workers in a city park in memory of the dead and injured. All public houses in the centre of Birmingham owned by Mitchell and Butler's will close next Thursday as a mark of respect. Workers' protest: Last night at the Finsley food depot in Grimsby blocked a £12,000 cargo of frozen food bound for the Republic of Ireland in protest against recent bombings, and refused to handle refrigerated vehicles from Ireland unless they were first searched by security men.

Labour 'leap forward in economic thinking'

Continued from page 1 operations of the National Enterprise Board. One of the ironies of the conference, coming as it does but a few weeks after a Labour victory in a general election, is that the only emergency motions before the delegates originate with the Government's critics. He said his main message was "that the future of this country, of the standard of living of our people, perhaps of democracy itself, depended upon the effort we put into investment in industry, public and private." The National Enterprise Board, the Government was reorganizing the Industrial Reorganization Corporation: "A Cabinet committee under my chairmanship last week approved final instructions to parliamentarians to proceed with the drafting of the Bill, which I hope will be before Parliament early in the new year. This measure enables the Government to promote planning agreements and to establish the NEB." Mr Wilson described the NEB as "the biggest leap forward in economic thinking and policy since the war" for where private investment falls away, or is that was taken home. Both these remedies would result in unemployment for our people." The social contract, Mr Wilson said, was a policy with obligations, with responsibilities as well as rewards: "You can't pack and choose. It is not a policy from which you can extract the parts you like and reject the parts you don't." He said his main message was "that the future of this country, of the standard of living of our people, perhaps of democracy itself, depended upon the effort we put into investment in industry, public and private." The National Enterprise Board, the Government was reorganizing the Industrial Reorganization Corporation: "A Cabinet committee under my chairmanship last week approved final instructions to parliamentarians to proceed with the drafting of the Bill, which I hope will be before Parliament early in the new year. This measure enables the Government to promote planning agreements and to establish the NEB." Mr Wilson described the NEB as "the biggest leap forward in economic thinking and policy since the war" for where private investment falls away, or is

on a scale far too small to ensure a high level of employment and modernization, public investment is enlarged." In short, Mr Wilson set his face against deflation and unemployment as a remedy for Britain's industrial sickness, and invested his hope in state stimuli for the private sector. And politically he painted a prospect of Labour as the natural governing party now that, after two general elections in 1974, the Conservatives had been reduced to a regional English party. With Mr Callaghan as a flatterer cheer leader, Mr Wilson had a fairly warm exit from the speech. But the improvisations of the conference, and the Methodist atmosphere of the Central Hall, Westminster, inevitably meant that much of the Blackpool spirit has been lost. Mr Heath commented on Mr Wilson's speech when he spoke in London yesterday. It did no good, he said, for Mr Wilson to dismiss "the stark, honest, straightforward presentation of the facts as spreading doom and gloom." Mr Wilson, he went on, had been frank enough to admit that "if the big battalions do break the social contract, the only choice facing a democratic government is deficit measures involving a rise in public expenditure, increase in taxation." In words, a straight cut in home pay or a cut in public power. But Mr Heath said it already too late to pretend the social contract was not in existence there had been biggest increase in wage demands in our history. I battalions had been doing clearly well, the Labour said they must not do social contract was to us. He attacked Labour's proposals for municipalizing land. Labour's proposals, local councils would buy land at a value but sell at the market price—the best they could get. The price was far more likely than to put up housing cost impede provision of houses. And inevitably would be a widespread compulsory purchase power. Conference report, p. 1. Leading article, p. 5.

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Scots seek action to rescue archaeological sites from destruction by developers

From Ronald Faux St Andrews. Scottish history is being lost irretrievably and at a critical moment, the earthworkers and cement beds of redevelopment. That fact has emerged from meetings at Perth and St Andrews during the past few days called by Rescue, the Trust for British Archaeology. More than seventy historic Scottish towns are thought by archaeologists to be threatened with Perth and St Andrews principal among them. In the countryside thousands of sites, from the earliest prehistoric middens to the remains of the last century, lie unexplored. Before the seventeenth century, they explained, documentary evidence about Scottish communities was sparse. The country did not have the same conscientious habit as medieval England of recording its history. Dr Nicholas Brooks, of St Andrews University, declared: "The first five centuries of Scottish town history are almost entirely on archaeological work to show the pattern of trade, defences, the social habits and the health of the people living there. It is archaeology that tells us how they lived, what they ate and how they died." Last year only five towns of 77 needed investigation had rescue work carried out on them and a mere £25,000 of the £1m British budget for rescue archaeology was spent in Scotland. In relation to size and population the country has a far higher proportion of ancient monuments under state guardianship in England but the archaeological officers are unable to organize rescue operations ahead of the bulldozer number barely a handful. The council of the Society of Antiquaries of Scotland has recommended that 20 such officers should work on the new regional authorities to assess sites and provide the liaison between developers and local authorities. That would also provide better career prospects for trained archaeologists in Scotland. Rescue regards that as an excellent first step. It has proposed an immediate survey at Perth, where redevelopment is to take place on a plot overlapping the site of the original Scottish Parliament. In St Andrews, where little has changed during the past 300 years, archaeologists detect sinister signs. The town centre is a conservation area and St Andrews has its own planning authority, but it is calculated that in the past decade one tenth of the medieval borough has been destroyed by piecemeal development. All hope of recovering information has been lost", Dr Brooks says. The difficulty lies in the ruthless strength of modern machines used to plough up or clear the ground, to drive in the supporting piles or peel back an open cast coal mine. The Society of Antiquaries complains that much has already gone. Road metal is being quarried from one of the largest and most important native hill forts in Britain at Traprain Law, East Lothian. One of the best preserved Roman marching camps in Scotland was recently ploughed up. Scotland has about 75,000 known field monuments. About three quarters of them are unprotected. "As long as change was fairly leisurely Scotland's archaeology was reasonably secure. That is no longer so and an alarm must be sounded."

Interim offer to teachers will be made today

From a Staff Reporter Edinburgh. The crisis in Scottish secondary schools, may be intensified today when interim pay award offer is announced. The Educational Institute of Scotland, the largest teachers' organization, has been demanding an immediate £10 a rise. Unofficial militant groups have asked for £15. Negotiators from the Scottish Teachers' Salaries Committee meet in Edinburgh today. They could get the offer of Mr Ross, the Secretary of State for Scotland, to do the situation. A spokesman for the institute said that Lord Houghton, chairman of the committee has been examining teachers' salaries, would get Mr Ross much could be given. It is likely that the offer is considered unsatisfactory, executive is committed to ping up militant action.

Six injured in explosion at chemical plant

Six men were injured when an explosion set fire to a chemical plant at Duxford, near Cambridge, yesterday. The five at the plastics division of Ciba-Geigy (UK) Ltd, one of Europe's biggest chemical manufacturers, started when a vat of resin overheated and exploded. Five men who were working in the building at the time were taken to hospital. Three, and a fireman who suffered slight burns, were released after treatment, but Mr William Ketteridge, of Duxford, and Mr Dennis Wright, of Lalebury, near Saffron Walden, both aged 49, were detained with severe burns to face and arms. Thirty firemen wearing breathing apparatus fought the blaze several were still there after six hours.

Weather forecast and recordings

Weather forecast and recordings. Includes maps of pressure systems, sun/moon rise and set times, and temperature forecasts for various regions like London, Edinburgh, and Glasgow.

More TV drama

BBC television's output of drama, which was reduced by a strike by production assistants in the summer, will be fully restored in the new year, the corporation said yesterday.

Lucan bank inquiry

The police were authorized at Bow Street Magistrates' Court yesterday to examine the bank accounts of Lord Lucan, who is being sought on a murder warrant.

The Queen sends hay

Seven tons of hay, a gift from the Queen, was sent yesterday from the Sandringham estate to help Welsh farmers who are short of fodder.

"Why I think three years as an Army Officer can equal three years at university."

"The graduate usually has intellectual capacity and development experience but has had little opportunity for responsibility or independent command.

The short service Officer has some considerable measure of intelligence and degree of leadership for he has been commissioned following a quite severe competitive selection procedure and he has also had the opportunity of some independent, if modest, command, usually in a foreign country. This experience invariably has a welcoming, broadening influence on outlook.

In an ideal world we would prefer our trainee to be both a graduate and to have had commissioned service experience but there simply is not time for this. Amongst our more able staff we have both those who join us from university and from the services and we have subscribed to the view that three years as an Army Officer can equal three years at a university for some time."

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"In his middle twenties the Army Officer, by virtue of his training and experience, shoulders responsibility easily and fits naturally into the hierarchical structure of a large organisation. He usually has a good, plain understanding and he may have brains as well. In short, he usually makes a good leader from the beginning and progresses steadily through the assumption of greater responsibilities.

By contrast the university graduate at the same age has not been trained for the immediate assumption of responsibility and for the leadership of other men. Nor does he usually slip naturally into the hierarchical and authoritarian structure of industry coming, as he so often does, from a campus background where it is fashionable to oppose authority on principle. But he does usually have brains and a good disciplined intellect—and this we value highly.

There is room for both types of men in industry and for that reason we recruit graduates as freely as we recruit Short Service Commission Officers. A proportion of both types progresses to higher management by which time it is often difficult to recall the differences in their original training and discipline."

Frank V. Lloyd

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"In a perfect world a completely rounded education for a young man might well be three years at university and three years military service; while by no means mutually exclusive, both have their particular contribution to make in developing the sort of qualities which we look for. While the services would not, I am sure, claim in general to compete with the universities so far as academic qualities are concerned the universities for their part, and probably because of their inherent nature, do not in general inculcate certain qualities which are the very bread and butter of military life. If we cannot have it both ways then a judicious mix must be accepted and we must rely on being able to integrate the two sorts of qualities to our best advantage. In practice, at the present time, the qualities which can derive more readily from service rather than from university training are perhaps harder to find and are equally—and I believe rightly—being looked for more and more in industry and commerce."

William Hambros

Chairman, Hambros Bank Ltd.

"In practical terms, the universities are our principal source and provide us with well trained minds who then need some time and training before they become fully effective in an industrial setting. The people whom we have recruited from the services, have the advantage of greater maturity and training in handling people and getting a good response from them. This is very important in our type of organisation.

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A. Crawford

Group Personnel Director, United Biscuits Ltd.

"Academic qualifications are by no means all that we look for in prospective managers. We take into account such qualities as breadth of interest, ambition, commonsense, intelligence, and these qualities are not confined to graduates, as I am sure you will agree.

There is a certain similarity between the job of the young Army Officer and that of the line manager in industry in that both are concerned with organising the activities of a group and getting the best out of them, sometimes in difficult circumstances. From this point of view, a man with three years' Army service is at least equal to, and sometimes more effective than, a man straight from university."

Joseph Rank

Chairman, Ranks Hovis McDougall Ltd.

"We recruit some good graduates every year as well as some officers leaving the Services. So far as the latter are concerned I think I can do no better than repeat what I have just said in our own Gazette:—

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J. P. Clarke

Director of Personnel, The John Lewis Partnership.

"We have a substantial graduate intake each year, we also employ some young men who have completed short service commissions. It is true to say that some graduates progress further and faster and contribute more than some ex-Officers. The converse is also true.

It is also our experience that when he first joins us, a man from the Army is likely to have a greater degree of managerial skill to offset against the graduates' stronger academic background. He may therefore, be of more immediate use to us.

You will see from this that I don't believe there is a hard and fast rule, which is why the word "can" seemed completely appropriate to me."

William Ray

Chairman, Ford Motor Company Ltd.

"In our business we need young men who not only have ideas of their own, but also are able to put them across within the firm to an audience that may be sceptical and unsympathetic. He has got to be able to work under pressure in not particularly good conditions and get on well with people of all ages in all walks of life. The fact that a boy has got through the Army's selection procedure, which includes highly sophisticated tests of initiative and leadership, as opposed to the almost wholly academic selection practised nowadays by universities, means he has a good chance of meeting our requirements after three years of the rough and tumble of a subaltern's life as opposed to three in the more cloistered world of a university."

William Thibault

Senior Partner, Grieson, Grant and Co.

"We are not of course saying that three years as an Officer is the same as three years at a university, but that the experience obtained as an Officer often develops desirable qualities equal in value if different in nature from those developed by a degree course.

University graduates should (and usually do) have better trained analytical minds. Soldiers should (and usually do) have a greater readiness to carry out an allotted assignment, without thought for personal inconvenience, energetically and decisively. Both groups usually have a sense of responsibility to employees—lack of this quality, if it were detected, would prevent them getting a job with any leading firm—but they usually approach this from different angles. Members of either group may, with experience and application, acquire the attributes of the other.

In companies within my group for which I have had personal responsibility we have mixed graduates and ex-officers, together with 'home-grown' management from the office and shop floor and some late entrants with industrial experience elsewhere. I am convinced that a mix of this kind is beneficial to the enterprise and also to the managers, particularly in their formative years."

John Rile

Group Chief Executive, Imperial Group Limited.

"Of course the immediate products of the two types of training are not the same in academic terms and some of our jobs require professional or academic qualifications.

On the other hand there are a number of jobs (such as my own) to which an academic background is not specifically relevant.

I have a high regard for the recruitment procedures of the Armed Services and I believe the Army contains a number of intelligent young men who have learned a lot about the theory and practice of managing people. They have also experienced a degree of physical hardship, or at least discomfort, and have had to take direct responsibility for other people almost from the start of their careers. To this extent they may find it easier to adjust to the rough and tumble of business life, which so often calls for common sense and adaptability rather than intellectual excellence, than a graduate with an honours degree in the arts."

Robert John

Chairman, British-American Tobacco Company Ltd.

The extracts you can read on this page are from letters in reply to an enquiry by Doctor A. R. Cane, the deputy editor of The Times Higher Education Supplement.

He subsequently published an article in which he concluded that leading businessmen do seem genuinely to value the management training given to a young man by a Short Service Commission.

And that most of them saw it at least as valuable to their companies as the academic training given at university.

(Although it's interesting to note that many agree with Mr C. E. A. Hambro that a perfect education would include both.)

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Army Officer

HOME NEWS

Inflation threatens to destroy Arts Council achievements

By Kenneth Gosling Arts Reporter

The system of arts subsidy in this country is in danger of breaking down, Mr Patrick Gibson, chairman of the Arts Council, said in London yesterday at a press conference on the council's annual report.

"I lay no personal blame for this on the minister of the arts," he said. "He and his officials are fighting for us as valiantly as they can, but the fact remains that you cannot run this system this way for long."

Mr Gibson said that the estimate in the report that £25m would be required in 1975-76, without allowing for further inflation, to keep going the activities sustained in 1974-75 on £19.5m, must have already been added to by inflation by £1.5m.

The needs of the National Theatre, which opens in the South Bank next year, would have to be met in some other way if the council's grant in aid was kept to £25m.

More than 30 repertory companies were in serious trouble because the council was normally told in June what their allocation would be for the following year: so far nothing had been heard from the Government.

"If it happens again next year, the whole system of subsidy in this country is going to break down."

An announcement about the Government's intentions on the amount of support for the arts next year is expected within a few days. Some at least of the gloom evident at the press conference is expected to be dispelled, although whether the amount to be announced will take full account of the steep rise in costs over the past year is uncertain.

In a foreword to the report, Mr Gibson said: "There is great anxiety and the guidance of the Arts Council is being sought on all sides. With no indication of next year's grant, little guidance, let alone any more material form of assistance can be given."

To decrease still further the spending on the council's directly promoted activities would save little and would aggravate the present disproportion between support for the performing and the creative arts. A point had been reached where the council needed the maximum flexibility to change and to review existing priorities and policies, yet that was hardly possible without a substantial increase in its resources, unless it was to abandon a significant part of the work it was supporting and had long nourished.

We needed the arts in bad times even more than in good, and the cost of continuing the work was, in national terms, very small. Furthermore, if the best of our artistic institutions were allowed to wither, the damage done to an aspect of our national reputation that still stood high would be totally out of proportion to the money involved.

"It is, above all, in the arts that this country has had its post-war successes and to invest in success must surely be the right course in choosing our present priorities. A government which increased its support for the arts in hard time would have a real claim on the gratitude of posterity."

An examination of the claims on the council's resources and the thinking behind its decisions is outlined in the report by Sir Hugh Willatt, the secretary-general. 9 claim for extra cash in difficult times was not easy to justify, he says, but he does not see how it could be met without it much achievement since the war would be in jeopardy.

There was a commitment to support many hundreds of trading enterprises, fragile and especially vulnerable to rapid inflation.

In theory the council could make radical policy changes to switch funds into new areas: less to opera and theatre, more to individual artists, to literature or to "community arts". A decision to do that would be made, Sir Hugh says, in the daunting knowledge that much that had been built up over the years, involving local money and service to local audiences, would be destroyed.

Looking at opera, Sir Hugh asks: "Is the Royal Opera Company to disappear and Covent Garden to revert to a system of ad hoc though doubtless glittering seasons? Should we jettison our national achievement of a permanent ensemble of company and orchestra on the international scale, performing each year to 90 per cent capacity?"

There was also the council's obligation to the visual arts and to literature. The council could not help being, to some extent, the prisoner of its existing obligations. Organizations needed to know that their grant was not for one year only, to enable them to plan ahead with some assurance and to avoid "a nagging pressure to play for safety".

The Arts Council of Great Britain, 29th Annual Report and Accounts 1974, Piccadilly, London, W1V 0AU; 75p, p & p 25p.

Warning against panic cuts in welfare

By Pat Healy Social Services Correspondent

Lord Goodman, chairman of the Housing Corporation, yesterday warned the Government against making economies in social policy because of panic over the economic crisis. It was idiotic, he said, to expect the burden of the sacrifices that had to be made to be shared equally when the benefits of society were not equally distributed.

"I do hope that in the panic that rightly exists we shall not be driven into a belief that there are certain areas of social activity in which economies are a possibility," he told the Age Concern conference in London.

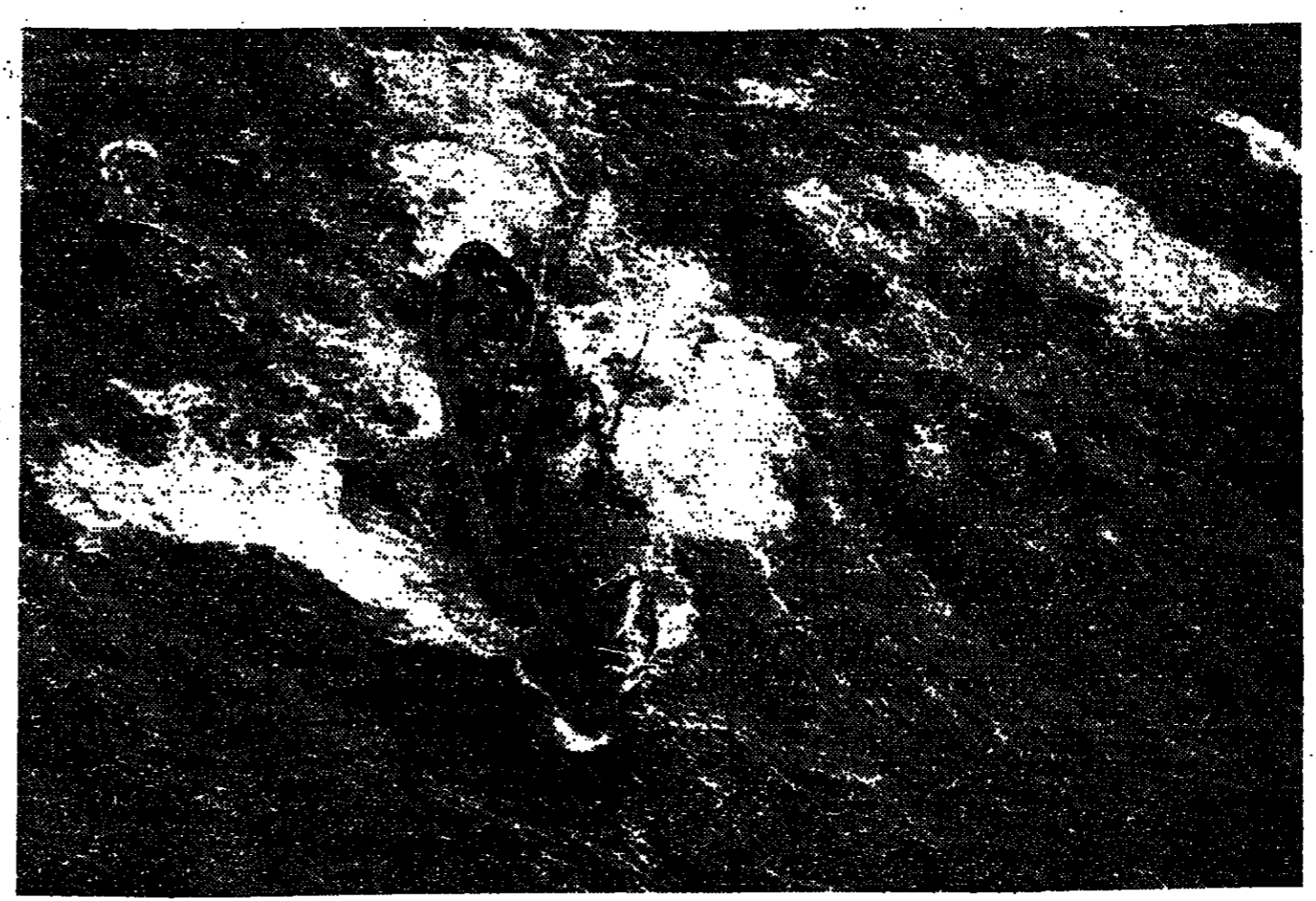
Housing provision for old and infirm people was totally inadequate for their needs. To try to put a brake on the experiments being tried to improve that provision would prove to be a horrible distortion of social values. Economies taken in the light of the very serious, but temporary, economic crisis might affect the social structure for years or even decades ahead.

Society had been very slow to recognize the special housing needs of the elderly and infirm. Although the necessary sympathy and interest were now present, a minority of people insisted on blaming the victims for their plight.

The critics said the housing problem was the concern of individuals, not society. Even where they recognized that infirm and bedridden people could not help themselves in finding better accommodation, they insisted that something could have been done about it in the past. That was one element of the social atmosphere that must be recognized by anyone concerned to provide adequate accommodation for every citizen.

Grant for play space campaign

The Fair Play for Children Organization has been granted £46,000 over two and a half years by the Voluntary Service Unit of the Home Office for its campaign for better play spaces. The campaign began two years ago after the Bishop of Stepney wrote to The Times protesting that a child who drowned in a canal died for lack of proper recreational facilities. As a result, the National Playing Fields Association organized a coordinated campaign to fight for play facilities throughout Britain.



A Soviet tug, the Agatan, on station off the north of Scotland.

Spy ships change guard off Scotland

From Trevor Fishlock St Mawgan

The Soviet spy ship regularly monitors the movements of British and American submarines off the At coast of Scotland has left been relieved by another Nimrod aircraft from St Mawgan, Cornwall, that the regular ship, Lis an AGI (auxiliary gatherer intelligence), left her station where she was well placed to watch and listen for the movements of submarines.

Her place was taken by the Agatan, well known to the RAF and Royal because she usually patrols the Shetland Islands. Intelligence officers presume that Agatan has taken up its position as a tem measure.

Off the Cornish coast, fleets of Soviet trawlers have been busy in the past few days just outside the 12-mile limit. Although most of them have been genuine fishing could provide good cover for spy ships, and any Soviet activity regarded as having potential intelligence has

Photograph by Harry Kerr

Mr Pottinger to lose half of his pension

From Ronald Faux Edinburgh

Mr George Pottinger, the former under-secretary at the Scottish Office now serving four years in prison for his connection with the Poulson case, had been dismissed from the Civil Service and would forfeit half his pension, the Scottish Office announced yesterday. He would also lose the £12,000 lump sum that would have been payable to him in June, 1976, when he reached the age of 60.

The half pension payable to him from the age of 60 will be £2,325 a year. It is the first time the forfeiture provision in the Civil Service pension scheme has been invoked.

Mr Pottinger was first linked with the Poulson case during the bankruptcy proceedings in June, 1972. The following month Mr Heath, then Prime Minister, announced that Mr Pottinger had been suspended on full pay. A year later Mr Pottinger was arrested and suspended without pay. He appealed on the ground of hardship and was awarded £5,000 a year half salary. That stopped on February 11 this year when he was convicted at Leeds

Sugar costs push up soft drinks

Sharp increases on several foods were disclosed yesterday and sugar was a leading contributor to several of them.

Schweppes is implementing price rises that were notified earlier this month. Sunburst and Ki-Ora soft drinks will cost up to 2p a bottle more while a large bottle of Pepsi-Cola will rise by 1.2p. The rises will also put up small bottles and cans of Schweppes label drinks.

Lyons Bakery is raising the prices of more than 30 products by an average of 12p in the pound because of sugar, packaging and increased pay rises.

Smudley-HP told the trade some days ago that it had been allowed to charge more for its sauces and baked beans. The company said sugar was a factor in the increase, while the cost of vegetable puree had trebled in the past year. Lea and Perrins Worcestershire sauce will rise by about 2p in shops for a large bottle. HP sauce by about 1.5p and a large tin of HP baked beans by about 1p. One of the largest rises will be of a pound tin of Heinz tomato ketchup. The Department of Prices and Consumer Protection said yesterday that home-killed lamb would probably rise by 2p or 3p a pound next week because of higher wholesale prices. Eggs and bacon are also about to rise again. Goldenlay, the largest egg marketing organization in

Food prices

Hugh Clayton

Wholesale prices of British, Irish and Danish bacon rose by 1p to 13p a pound yesterday, so most shops will raise their prices in the next fortnight. Fine Fare, the largest retail buyer of home-produced bacon, said yesterday that most of the rise would be imposed on fore-and-aft bacon and gammon. The largest rise was likely to be 5p a pound.

Although wholesale beef prices have risen slightly, there has been little change in shops. Publicity about steady beef prices has undoubtedly made many people consider a good, heavy joint for Christmas instead of poultry.

Poultry prices show little change. The cheapest broiler turkey and chicken on the market this week-end will cost 28p and 23p a pound respectively, little above last year's levels. Wet fields are still making it difficult to lift root vegetables and prices will remain quite high. The Department of Prices and Consumer Protection said yesterday that carrots might go up. There are plenty of rather feeble-looking, expensive instances, but tomatoes should fall by 2p or 3p a pound to a minimum of 25p. Cucumbers remain very dear but cauliflowers, sprouts and mushrooms have fallen slightly. Cabbages have become expensive at 45p a pound or more but Conference pears should fall to a minimum of 9p a pound. There are still plenty of avocados, starting at 40p a pound while the smallest home-grown Cox apples now start at only 10p a pound. Supermarkets charge more: Beef and lamb prices are lower in independent shops than in supermarkets, where packaging of fresh foods may add up to 25p in the pound, the Price Commission said yesterday. The average price of fresh meat in July this year was 7p in the pound less than in January, the commission said in its latest survey of fresh food prices. "Most cuts of home-produced lamb were more expensive in supermarkets in July than in other types of shop. The commission added: "Supermarkets generally quoted higher prices for beef." It said that the average price of all fresh foods fell by more than 4p in the pound in the first half of this year while the retail price index for all foods rose by more than 5p in the same period.

BMA extends deadline on consultants' pay

By Our Medical Reporter

The British Medical Association in response to the Government, has agreed to extend November 30 deadline for over the new contract for consultants and the rest of private beds in N Health Service hospitals.

There is likely to be one more meeting of the committee, which is considering the issues. Agreement reached at the meeting committee yesterday. There are signs of compromise, however, and an agreement may be reached for the meetings next 11 of the Central Medical Services Council of the more important Consultants' Association.

The matter may be referred to the Government's agreement, not only for its commitment by a consultant health service, but for time work and extra duties phasing out private beds hospitals over a longer than within the next originally proposed.

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Samaritans to set up world organization

By Penny Symon

The Samaritans are to extend their fight against suicide by setting up Befrienders International to help suicidal and despairing people throughout the world.

Announcing that yesterday, the Rev Chad Vaux, Rector of St Stephen's, Walbrook, in the City of London, and founder of the Samaritans, said that there would be a proliferation of overseas branches during the next few years. Representatives had been appointed in every continent, and the work would spread to large centres of population. Eventually a national organization would exist in every country.

"We are determined to make suicide a retreating enemy of mankind all over the world," he said. "It has been proved that the Samaritan method does work in the British Isles, and that is why we are determined to go ahead overseas."

Money to run the overseas services would be raised by an appeal in Britain and by the overseas branches themselves.

'Too little food for too many animals'

By Our Agricultural Correspondent

Children's ponies should be sold or even shot if their owners could not find enough winter feed for them, the British Veterinary Association said yesterday. Dr Derek Taverner, the president, said after a meeting of the association's council: "There is a shortfall in fodder supplies and an increased number of animals in this country. Quite simply, more animals are chasing less food."

He was speaking on the eve of a meeting at which leaders of the National Farmers' Union are to press the Government to set up an emergency fodder stock of imported supplies bought at public expense.

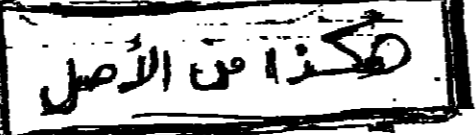
The association said of farm animals: "Only productive animals should be kept. Disposal or slaughter of some animals may be necessary for others to survive."

Academic freedom

A column contributed by the Council for Academic Freedom and Democracy is initiated in The Times Higher Education Supplement today by Professor Rodney Hilton. There are also articles on student evaluation of teachers and on the Hudson Institute report, and a profile of Professor Bernard Crick.

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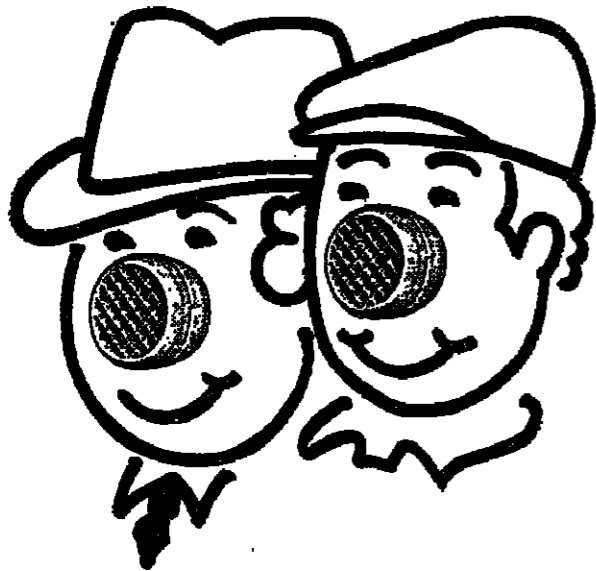


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THE LENNON REPORT

Special Branch men exonerated in Yard inquiry



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By Peter Evans
Home Affairs Correspondent
Kenneth Joseph Lennon, the Irishman murdered while working under cover as a Special Branch informant, told the police about a Provisional IRA team ordered to mount a campaign in England to "shock the world".

That is stated in a report to the Home Secretary from Sir Robert Mark, Commissioner of Metropolitan Police, and published yesterday, on the actions of police officers concerned with the case.

The report, which is by Mr James Starrist, the deputy commissioner, says Mr Lennon told the police how an armed robbery at a working man's club would be used to finance the assassination of a British Army officer of high rank.

Later the police heard reliably from an independent source that the intention was to kill someone by the name of "F. Kitson". That, the report says, was probably a reference to Brigadier Frank Kitson.

Mr Lennon also told the police how IRA men did firearms training at a cement works near Luton. Before his murder, Mr Lennon went to the National Council for Civil Liberties, which produced a statement of what he told them. Mr Starrist rejects what he calls implications from that, and comments by Mr Martin Lousie, then the NCCL's general secretary, that Special Branch officers were directly or indirectly responsible for Mr Lennon's death.

Special Branch officers conspired with other police officers to manipulate the evidence to secure his acquittal.

Mr Starrist adds that the inquiry had not disclosed anything to support the contention that improper influences were brought to bear by the Special Branch. Their initial action was confined to confirming that Mr Lennon was an informant; and thereafter such other steps as were taken were conducted through official channels.

Mr Starrist says that the unanswered crucial question, not only to the inquiry, but also to the murder investigation now being conducted, is what happened to Mr Lennon and whom did he meet after he was last seen by the Special Branch officers on the early evening of April 9, 1974. "It would be idle to speculate on this, but hopefully, the answer may be forthcoming when the murder is solved."

Mr Starrist adds that it need hardly be said that, if Mr Lennon had conveyed any fears for his safety and well-being to Mr Wickens, ample arrangements would have been made forthwith to safeguard him. Having had the duty to ensure the security of the informant, Special Branch officers were prepared to go to great lengths to ensure his protection.

Mr Starrist has compiled his report of the police involvement with Mr Lennon almost entirely from written reports, memoranda, telephone messages and other records, most of which were made at the time, he says, or shortly after the events and which can, if necessary, be produced. The time limit for completion of the report has not made it possible to interview all the individuals concerned. It differs substantially from the NCCL version of events. Mr Starrist says that Mr Lennon, telephone messages and other records, most of which were made at the time, he says, or shortly after the events and which can, if necessary, be produced. The time limit for completion of the report has not made it possible to interview all the individuals concerned.



Kenneth John Lennon... motives were purely mercenary, the police concluded.

...matters of a political nature. He said he would wait in the cafeteria at St Pancras station for about half an hour and then leave. Although the caller, who spoke with an Irish accent, would not give his name, he gave his description and said he was accompanied by a young girl. The message was immediately relayed to the Special Branch and Det Constables Dwyer and Turner were directed by Mr Wickens to go to St Pancras station to make contact with the caller.

Det Constable (now Sergeant) Dwyer, in a report dated July 30, 1974, gave a full account of the meeting. He stated that he and Constable Turner duly made contact with the man at the station at 4.45 pm and that the latter refused initially to identify himself or the girl with him.

He told the officers that he had information to impart about the IRA which he was prepared to divulge for payment. Eventually, after a lot of hedging, he identified himself as Mr Lennon and then disclosed that he lived at 25 Francis Street, Luton, the girl accompanying him being his eight-year-old daughter.

In question, Mr Wickens took the opportunity to impress on him that no immunity from arrest or prosecution could be granted to him and should he ever be involved in any crime or contravene those instructions he would undoubtedly be arrested and dealt with.

Mr Lennon then restated that, despite those restrictions, he was prepared to cooperate with the police and was prepared to travel anywhere in Great Britain or even to Northern Ireland, if required to do so provided he was adequately compensated financially.

Mr Wickens handed Mr Lennon £10 and it was agreed that he (Mr Lennon) would use a pseudonym "John Wick" when making further contact. (The name of the detective chief superintendent in the television series *Softly Softly* is John Wick.)

Evaluation of the latest information furnished by Mr Lennon showed that the target for the proposed robbery, the Chrysler Working Men's Club, was in fact the Cigarette Spoons and Social Club, Houghton Regis, Bedfordshire. Acting on the information, Bedfordshire and Luton officers kept observation on the premises during the afternoon of August 8, but nothing noteworthy happened.

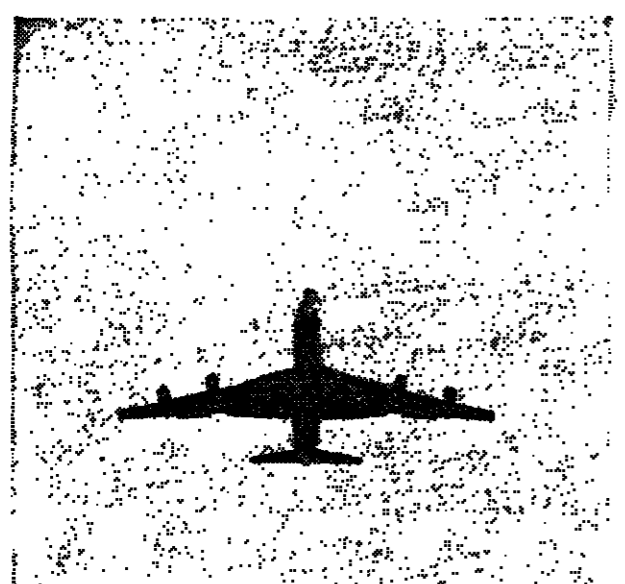
been cleared of suspicion and no further mention of the matter. On Sunday, January 6, 1974, Mr O'Brien and Mr Lennon were apprehended in Birmingham, which both men were charged with being concerned with a conspiracy to effect the death of some person or persons known from Winston Green in Birmingham. Mr O'Brien was detained taking photographs of the wall, and Mr Lennon, was seated in a converted milk van in Winston Green Road, Luton, Bedfordshire.

The vehicle contained an Enfield rifle converted for use as a shotgun and for which a licence had been issued to Mr O'Brien by Bedfordshire Luton Police.

During an interview by the inspector Mr Lennon cut that he was an informant of Wickens, but conceded that officer had no knowledge of the circumstances surrounding that. It appears, the report says, that the inquiry continued as Mr Lennon had not mentioned the knowledge and approval of his senior officers and the chief of the Birmingham Police. The report says Mr Lennon's explanation prevented him from notifying the officer who it was the report says.

In these circumstances, Wickens was obliged to accept possibly that his informant was carrying out the mission he himself had made to him. He should continue the association with Mr O'Brien to establish the extent of his activities. This decision was brought to the notice of senior officers. The dilemma created by the report was that on one hand the were morally obliged to Lennon's involvement with in anticipation of his return to the jury's return to the hand to do this openly without retribution from the IRA.

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Press ban by committees 'is necessary'

By Our Local Government Correspondent The press should accept exclusion from certain local council committee meetings without question, the Association of County Councils said yesterday. In evidence to the Royal Commission on the Press, it said: "Although the association are generally in favour of open committees to the press and public, they nevertheless feel that in cases where the press are excluded the press must accept that this is because there are certain parts of the local authorities' business which must be conducted in private without giving rise to press inquisition as to why this is happening and what is being discussed." If local authorities exercised due responsibility in admitting the press and public to meetings, the press must accept that some local authority business must by its very nature—and in the public interest be carried out in private. The association, which represents 47 non-metropolitan counties in England and Wales, added that the press apparently accepted that it should not have access to meetings of other bodies whose activities affected the lives and finances of local people, such as gas and electricity boards.

Minister seeks views on public lending right

By Our Arts Reporter The Government has taken a further step to introduce a public lending right scheme for authors. Mr Hugh Jenkins, the minister responsible for the arts, has written to interested organizations asking for their views. The advantage of a method based on borrowings was that it would immediately cover all authors whose books were now in library stocks, and they would not have to wait until new books were bought or reprints made of existing works. That meant that 113,000 authors could be entitled to payments from the start, as opposed to 37,000 under a purchase-based scheme. It was estimated that as many as half the authors whose books were used in libraries would be entitled under a sampling scheme to a payment of £10 or less for £1m of money available for distribution. For authors entitled to £10 the errors of the sample were calculated at plus or minus 20 per cent; those for authors entitled to smaller payments would be larger still. Parliament might well find it hard to justify the paying out of public money with an element of uncertainty on that scale. The alternative method based on books purchased would not recompense authors for books already on the shelves; but authors who had already published books might at first be paid at a higher scale.

'Emotional wife sold a £45,000 home for £1

An American lawyer told a High Court judge yesterday that Mrs Nellie Anne Mann giggled when she told him she had sold her £45,000 house to her estranged husband for £1. "She seemed to realize what she had done but did not appreciate the seriousness of it", Mr Wilson McLeod said. "She felt her husband had acted ignominiously and wanted to see if he would carry it out. Mr McLeod was giving evidence on the fourth day of an action by Mrs Mann, of Chalcut Square, Regent's Park, London, to have the sale set aside on the ground that severe emotional stress had affected her judgment at the time. Her husband, Mr John Michael Mann, a business consultant and airline executive, is seeking an injunction restraining her from returning to the house in Lonsdale Square, Islington, where he still lives. Mr McLeod said that when Mrs Mann came to see him after she had signed away her house she was acting emotionally and could not give the matter proper consideration. Mr Mann had "pushed her into the corner, figuratively speaking". Mr Mann said he and his wife met and married while he was working in Luxembourg in 1963. It was on her initiative that they moved to London. "My wife thought that it did not make much sense lumbering ourselves with a mortgage when we could live up to the hilt on my income." Ultimately he agreed that the £7,500 purchase price of the house and £7,250 for repairs should be paid by his wife's trust fund in Boston. He paid for all the sanitary equipment, kitchen fittings, decorations, carpets and furniture. The hearing continues today.

Workers' paper gains time

Mr Benn, Secretary of State for Industry, gave former Beaverbrook employees in Glasgow more time yesterday to raise money for their planned newspaper, the Scottish Daily News. They will issue a prospectus next week, they say. The Governments' offer to match the sum invested from private sources, up to a limit of £1.75m, was to run out today but Mr Benn extended it to February 28.

Law Report November 28 1974

Money received for 'know-how' taxable

John & E. Sturge Ltd v Hessel (Inspector of Taxes) Before Mr Justice Walton (Judgment delivered November 27) A company desiring to extend its export trade which, to comply with foreign law, agrees to impart "know-how" to a foreign firm for a sum of money which it agrees to use in purchasing shares in that firm was held to have been properly assessed to income and profits tax on the money so received. Mr Justice Walton dismissed an appeal by taxpayers, John & E. Sturge Ltd, by way of case stated from the decision of the special commissioners. Mr F. Heyworth Talbot, QC, Mr Barry Pinson, QC, and Mr Janet Matthews for the taxpayer company; Mr Donald Porter, QC, and Mr Brian Davenport for the Revenue. HIS LORDSHIP said that John & E. Sturge Ltd manufactured citric acid by a secret trade process. Though they had a large export business, they did not export to Italy. An Italian group approached them and negotiations took place which resulted in an agreement to form a new company in Italy. The precise shape of the agreement was dictated by Italian law, which resulted in five separate agreements. Under the first, between Sturge and the new company Biacor, Sturge agreed to disclose its secret processes and "know-how" of the production of citric acid for 410 million lire. It was clear from the wording of the agreement that Sturge had other duties as well, and those were set out in the second agreement by which Sturge agreed to give technical assistance to Biacor in consideration of a royalty of 2 per cent on sales of citric products. By the third agreement made between Sturge and a financing firm, Sturge undertook to buy shares in Biacor subscribed for by the financing firm to the extent that it received money from Biacor so that Sturge would ultimately own 40 per cent of Biacor. The revenue assessed the company to income and profits tax on the payments made by Biacor on the footing that they were trading receipts, and the special commissioners upheld the assessment. The first question was whether it was in the nature of an income or a capital receipt. Mr Heyworth Talbot argued that it was a receipt on capital account because the transaction added a new dimension to the company's profit-making apparatus. Mr Porter said that that was not the way in which the consideration was being put with its fiscal nature. If one went back to first principles one saw that if a trader received consideration from exploiting his trade assets such consideration was prima facie a trading receipt unless there was an alteration of a capital asset: Lord Justice Bankes in British Dyeing & Finishing Corporation (Brackley) Ltd v IRC (12 TC 586, 596). The application of that principle to "know-how" was dealt with by Lord Radcliffe in Mustert v English Electric Co Ltd (41 TC, 556) as set out by Mr Justice Pennycuik in Wolf Electrical Tools Ltd v Wilson (45 TC, 526, 539). From that it was clear that mere imparting of "know-how" was not equivalent to the disposal of an asset, but such disposal could wear a different aspect if it was combined with another transaction, e.g. if it was imparted as part and parcel of a disposal of a branch of a trader's business, as in Mortuary v Evans Medical Supplies (37 TC, 540). If it was not disposed of in that manner the consideration for it must be treated as income. In the case of Chemical Products Ltd v Treeby (48 TC, 171). There might be other transactions with which a disposal of "know-how" was combined which caused the consideration for the disposal to be received as capital, but, if so, they had not yet found their way into the books. Following especially the *Coalite* case his Lordship held that the Crown were right to assess the receipt as income. His Lordship also held that although the ultimate intention of the parties was that Sturge should receive shares, it was impossible to say that the consideration for the disposal of "know-how" was the shares, especially since there was nothing to stop Sturge agreeing with the financing firm that the third agreement be torn up. His Lordship held finally that although Sturge had disclosed all their secret processes at an early stage, the first agreement made it clear that the instruments of payment depended on the performance of further obligations by Sturge as set out in the second agreement so that one could not say that the payments were earned at times different from when they were received. Accordingly the payments were correctly brought into account when they were received and the Crown succeeded on that point also. Solicitors: Wragge & Co, Birmingham; Solicitor of Inland Revenue.

Contract to negotiate not binding

Courtesy & Fairbairn Ltd v Tolaini Bros (Hotels) Ltd Before Lord Denning, Master of the Rolls, Lord Diplock and Lord Justice Lawton Such a fundamental element as the price in a building contract is an essential element in a concluded contract. A contract to negotiate is too uncertain to have any binding effect: like a contract to enter into a contract it is not known to the law. The Court of Appeal allowed an appeal by the defendants, Tolaini Brothers (Hotels) Ltd, owners of the Thatched Barn Hotel, Barnet by pass, Hertfordshire, from the order of Mr Justice Shaw last March, on the trial of a preliminary issue, that the plaintiffs, Courtesy & Fairbairn Ltd, were entitled to a declaration that there was an enforceable agreement between the parties whereby in the event of the plaintiffs finding finance for Tolaini's building projects the defendants would enter into building contracts with them in respect of such of the projects as were carried out, the price to be a reasonable price. Mr David Sullivan for Tolaini; Mr John Dyson for the defendants. THE MASTER OF THE ROLLS said that the case raised a point of construction as to whether or not two letters constituted a concluded contract. On April 10, 1969, Mr Courtney wrote to Mr Tolaini: "... I would be very happy to know that, if my discussions and arrangements... lead to... a financial arrangement acceptable to both parties you will be pre-

pared to instruct your quantity surveyor to fix a fair and reasonable contract sums in respect of each of the three projects as they arise... On April 28, 1969, Mr Tolaini replied: "I agree to the terms specified therein..." The plaintiffs did obtain someone to provide finance for the project, a quantity surveyor was appointed and then other builders were instructed. The words "to negotiate fair and reasonable contract sums" showed that no sums had been agreed or fixed between the parties. They had not left that matter to a third party or to an arbitrator. Such fundamental element as the price in a building contract was essential to a concluded contract. But if there was no contract to build, was there a contract to negotiate? The tentative expression of Lord Wright in *Hillas & Co Ltd v Arcos Ltd* [1932] 147 LT 503, 515 did not seem to be well founded. If the law did not recognize a contract to enter into an agreement, it could not recognize a contract to negotiate. A contract to negotiate was too uncertain to have any binding force. Like a contract to enter into a contract, a contract to negotiate was not known to the law. There was no enforceable agreement in law. The appeal should be allowed. LORD DIPLOCK, agreeing, said that the dicta of Lord Wright (at p 515) was bad law. Lord Justice Lawton agreed. Solicitors: Wright & Webb for Pollards, Boreham Wood; Doyle, Devonshire, Box & Co.

Taking child to psychiatrist

A.W v E Healthy children involved in custody or wardship disputes should not be taken to see a psychiatrist without the consent of both parents or leave of the court, Mr Justice Dunn said when giving judgment in *open court* in a wardship summons. It was desirable that the psychiatrist should see both parents. Nothing his Lordship said should be taken as interfering with the discretion of a parent who had de facto custody to take a sick child to a doctor. The proper procedure was laid down by Mr Justice Cross in *In re S (Infants)* (1967) 1 WLR 395; and approved by Lord Justice Wilmer in *B(M) v B(R)* (1968) 1 WLR 1182). It was not being followed, and his Lordship hoped that both branches of the legal profession and the medical profession would note his remarks.

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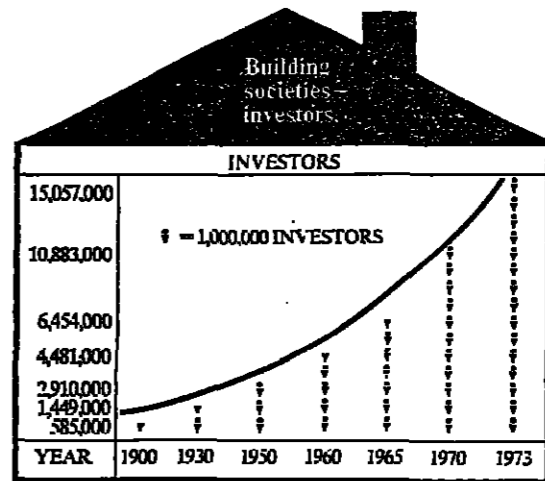
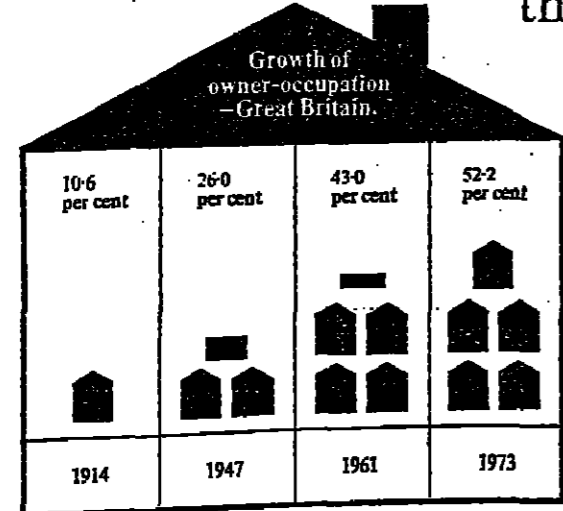
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LABOUR PARTY CONFERENCE

Mr Wilson's warning that big wage settlements might lead to unemployment

By Our Parliamentary Staff

Mr Wilson said that big wage settlements might lead to unemployment... He said that the Labour Party's programme on which the party as a whole had worked so hard in the years of opposition...

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Scot protest at having to go cap in hand to London

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Support for NEC members' censure over S African naval manoeuvres

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Only way to achieve higher standards

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Moderates hold their sea in elections for executive

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EEC plan for a 15 pc reduction in fuel consumption by 1985

From David Cross
Brussels, Nov 28

Amid hopes that the EEC summit meeting planned for next month will give fresh impetus to the Community's energy policy, the European Commission today published a 22-point action programme to reduce overall fuel consumption by 15 per cent by 1985.

The Commission estimates that a reduction in the annual growth in energy consumption from 5 to 3.5 per cent between now and 1985 would save the Community about £10,000m.

The programme calls for measures to improve thermal insulation in homes and to regulate ventilation and heating as well as for better maintenance of heating systems and more efficient hot water appliances. Insulating layers in roofs can, for example, reduce heat loss by more than 10 per cent and double glazing by almost 5 per cent. Measures in the domestic sector would account for an 18 per cent energy saving by 1985.

In the transport sector, the Commission estimates that rationalization would produce a 16 per cent energy economy by the middle of the next decade.

Its suggestions include regular servicing of cars to maintain optimum ignition timing and carburettor setting to reduce fuel consumption by between 5 and 10 per cent; the promotion of diesel engines; better urban traffic flows and more efficient public transport.

The Commission also suggested guidelines for the electricity sector and for a nuclear supply policy. All these are part of the Commission's proposed energy strategy for the Community.

Mr Henri Simonet, the Commissioner for Energy Policy, told a press conference in Brussels today that the main aim is to diversify the Community's energy resources and to cut down its dependence on oil imports.

By 1985 the share of imported petroleum in energy consumption must be cut from its present level of 63 per cent to 45 per cent, nuclear energy must provide half the Community's electricity supplies, and coal production must be stabilized at its present level.

Mr Simonet hoped for a clear political commitment from the Nine in Paris. He also hoped that member governments would be able to overcome the problem of the French boycott of the new International Energy Agency of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development.

Asked about British sovereignty over North Sea oil, he said that the Community did not "plan an expedition to take away the benefits of this discovery from Britain" or to remove the controls the British Government had over its own natural resources. But he hoped that if Britain exported any of its new-found oil wealth it would be to other parts of the Community.

Oil slick drifts to Normandy beaches

Le Havre, Nov 28.—Oil which spilled from the hold of a Danish tanker after a collision off Le Havre last Monday reached Normandy beaches today despite intense efforts to dissolve the mile-long slick.

A Le Havre gendarmerie spokesman said two beaches at Saint Jean Bruneval and Etretat—both popular resorts—had been polluted over an area of 250 to 300 yards.

After a daylong battle yesterday to spray the slick with detergent in stormy seas, only three patches remained untreated last night and it was hoped sea currents and winds would drive them out to sea.

Four dredgers and a tug were expected to reinforce Navy detachments today and helicopters might also be called in.

A Force 8 westerly gale saw bad visibility forced ships to halt their operations this morning. Plans to use a suction technique were also postponed as the method may only be applied in calm seas or sheltered waters.

The French Bird Protection Society has called for an immediate halt to detergent spraying.

In a telegram to M Chirac, the Prime Minister, the society argues that detergents break up the oil without destroying it and contain toxic ingredients harmful to birds and marine life, while the oil itself causes little harm to shellfish.

Spraying was merely designed to "conceal" the pollution, not to counteract it, the society added.—Agence France Presse.



The multi-coloured lights are missing this year because of the power shortage, but Christmas trees by the dozen have brought a seasonal atmosphere to the Via Fratrina in Rome's shopping district.

Jesuits take critical look at themselves

From Peter Nichols
Rome, Nov 28

Father Pedro Arrupe, the Jesuit General, said today that this most formidable of the Roman Catholic Church's religious orders was about to face "a profound, objective and open examination" of its affairs.

He was speaking at a press conference called to explain the significance of the order's general congregation, which opens here on Sunday. As Father Arrupe pointed out, these congregations are not so frequent as to be taken as a matter of course. In the 434 years of the order's existence, this will only be the thirty-second congregation, and of the preceding 31 only six were called to review the order's work rather than to elect a new general.

The congregation has been summoned, as he explains in his letter of convocation, because the order finds itself to be in the situation envisaged by St. Ignatius, its founder, in which "very difficult questions affecting the whole company call for a general congregation".

As might be expected of the Jesuits, the press conference was a model of its kind and the material running to some 85 pages prepared for the press bore signs of an awareness of professional requirements which made the Vatican's own official press channels look like sidelines compared with a track built for express trains.

The General was ascetic, clearly heavily tried by work, but witty and helpful in his replies which were made in the languages in which the questions were delivered.

The event was presided over by the order's physically daunting Swiss expert on relations with the press, Father Bamberger, who saw that questions were both brief and audible and that the answers were clear and fully understood. Whatever may be going wrong

with the Society of Jesus, its organizational strength is as impressive as ever.

The Pope's letter to Father Arrupe, giving his views on what should be discussed at the congregation, is published as part of the documentation distributed by the Jesuits today. The letter concerns the Pope's now famous words of admonishment to the order after his reminder to them "in a special manner" of the need for fidelity to the Holy See.

The letter continues: "Nor are we ignorant of the fact that over the past few years in several parts of the society—and it is by no means absent either from the life of the Church in general—certain tendencies have arisen of an intellectual and disciplinary nature which, if fostered and given support, could lead to serious and possibly irreparable changes in the essential structure itself of your society."

"As you know, beloved son, we have through our closest collaborators called your attention more than once to these matters, while expressing the hope that the expected renewal will be brought about securely and smoothly."

The subject-matter for discussion is partly proposed by the central authorities, who in a sense are seeking the will of the whole membership as to how the order could best fulfill its functions of "defending and propagating the faith" and partly by individual Jesuits who can put forward what are known as postulata, most pages are taken up by the subject of poverty (95 pages). There are 14 pages dealing with the fourth vow, which is of obedience to the Pope, whereas chastity has only three pages.

Membership of the order is now 29,462 whereas in 1965 the figure was 36,038. The General said today that there was an annual loss of 0.8 per cent of priests.

Trial of strength facing French TV journalists

From Charles Hargrove
Paris, Nov 28

The Government seems to be deliberately heading for a trial of strength with the journalists of the ORTF, the state radio and television service who have been on strike since Monday against the threat of dismissal.

Last night police took up positions in front of the television studios on the Left Bank. M Chirac, the Prime Minister, told Parliament that "he was not at all ready to accept that the minimum programme (required by law in time of strike) should be sabotaged".

This morning, police allowed into the building only those persons with a special pass issued by the management to administrative staff, and to those journalists requisitioned to ensure minimum services. A group of non-striker was not allowed to enter the building.

The midday television news programme was broadcast, with film extracts instead of the stills and voices off of yesterday, but it was shorter than usual.

The Government's decision to pursue its reform of the ORTF and cut staff regardless of the opposition has clearly stiffened the strike. Journalists meeting at the ORTF headquarters this morning decided to prolong the strike for another 24 hours and

Impartial Italian broadcasting service planned

From Our Own Correspondent
Rome, Nov 28

A reform of the Italian broadcasting system, designed to break the Christian Democrat Party's virtual control of radio and television, has been agreed on by the four centre-left parties.

The plan is expected to be approved by Signor Moro's new Cabinet before Saturday when the contract between the broadcasting company, RAI and the Italian state—reportedly renewed for lack of a substitute—expires.

The reform has been drawn up in obedience to the constitutional court which ruled recently that unless the RAI could be impartial and present the views of all the political and social forces in the country the state monopoly of broadcasting was illegal.

In future the two television channels are the three radio programmes will have their own separate news services, each in competition with the other.

The vast powers of the general manager, formerly a political appointee, will be drastically curtailed. He will be chosen by, and answerable to, an administrative council composed of 15 members

Agreement near on Community budget

From Our Own Correspondent
Brussels, Nov 28

Thanks to some graceful concessions by both sides, the Council of Ministers and the European Parliament were tonight near to resolving their dispute over the European Community's 1975 budget.

The long-promised but still non-existent regional development fund was at the heart of today's discussions by assorted budget ministers of the Nine and the leading lights of the Strasbourg Assembly's budgetary committee, M Georges Spénale and Herr Heinrich Aigner. Britain represented by Mr Joel Barnett, Chief Secretary to the Treasury.

In its original August proposal for a 1975 budget totalling just under 7,000m units (almost

£2,900m), the European Commission earmarked 650m units for the regional fund. But this was removed by the Council of Ministers in September, when the budget was cut to 5,500m units (some £2,400m).

The removal and declassification of the regional fund allocation was particularly galling for the European Parliament, since it formed the main item of "non-obligatory" expenditure (that is, not flowing automatically from the Treaty of Rome), over which the European Parliament had earlier this year been given final control up to a fixed ceiling.

In the middle of this month, the Parliament voted overwhelmingly to restore £210m of the £500m cut by the council, and included £125m for the regional fund.

Today's discussions were not

helped by the extreme complexity of the budgetary legislation. Among the problems were the council's reluctance to accept the classification of the regional fund as non-obligatory expenditure, or to prejudice its eventual size; and the need to increase the ceiling on non-obligatory expenditure eventually to accommodate a sum for the fund.

The ceiling is fixed automatically according to certain economic indices and for the 1975 budget amounted to only 53m units of account (around £21m).

The ministers seemed ready tonight to accept the classification, and suggested that discussion on the ceiling should be postponed until after the proposed EEC summit in December. At this the heads of government are expected to decide on the broad outlines of the regional fund.

Greece returns to the fold

From Richard Wigg
Paris, Nov 28

Greece today returned to the Council of Europe which she left under the weight of democratic pressure in December, 1969.

Mr Dimitri Bitsios, the Foreign Minister in the new Karamanlis Government which won the general election earlier this month, received a welcome from 17 other nations at the ministerial meeting of the Council, which opened today in Paris.

He was warmly saluted by Mr Ove Guldberg, the Danish Foreign Minister and acting chairman, who described him as the representative of "the true Greece, a Greece which is free, democratic, and peace-loving".

The Greek regime left the Council of Europe almost five years ago amid the outcry provoked by the repeated violation of human rights. Mr Bitsios today presented the Athens Government's ratification of the European Human Rights convention and promised the new Government's full cooperation with "all European institutions."

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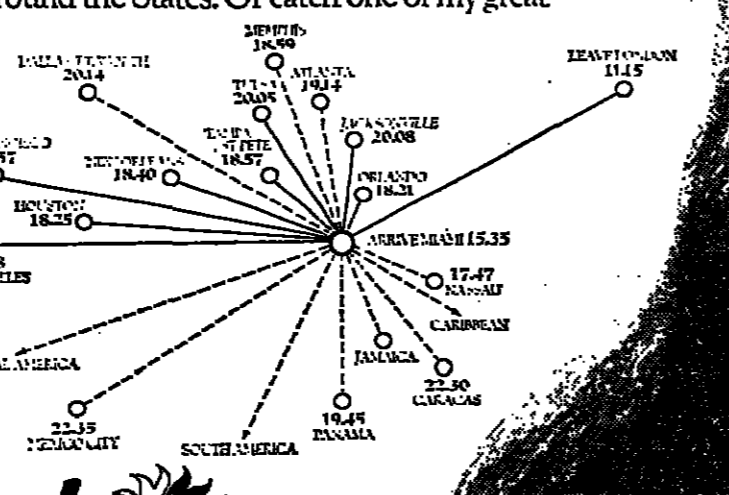
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China fails to have the Lon Nol regime in Cambodia expelled from UN Assembly

From Peter Strafford
New York, Nov 28

After a long and heated debate the United Nations General Assembly today rejected an attempt by the Chinese and their supporters to have the present Cambodian regime expelled.

It adopted an alternative resolution supported by the Americans and most of the West Europeans, by 56 votes to 54, with 24 abstentions. This calls on all powers involved in Cambodia to use their good offices for conciliation, and asks Dr Kurt Waldheim, the Secretary-General, to give "appropriate assistance" and report back next year.

The aim of the Chinese and their supporters was to replace the Phnom Penh regime of General Lon Nol by Prince Sihanouk's government. They argued that the regime had been imposed by the Americans and was being maintained only by their continuing support. Prince Sihanouk's government, they claimed, controlled 90 per cent of the territory and 80 per cent of the population.

They were countered by the argument that though Prince

Sihanouk might control some of Cambodia, he still did not control enough to move his capital there from Peking. Mr Ivor Richard, for Britain, said that it would be a bad precedent if the United Nations admitted a government in exile. It would be a "gross attempt at interference" in the internal affairs of the Cambodian people.

In the end, the Chinese, Algerians and others lost two procedural votes before being defeated on the main one. The votes were all narrow ones, but they showed that the more militant members of the Assembly could not count on the same support on this issue as on African and Middle East questions.

The Russians, who have an ambivalent attitude towards the Phnom Penh regime, were quiet throughout the debate, but voted with the Chinese. On the other side were many of Cambodia's Asian neighbours, such as Thailand, Indonesia and the Philippines, many of the Latin Americans, and other members of the Third World. Several others abstained.

The adopted resolution begins by stating: "While the Royal

Government of National Union of Cambodia, presided over by Prince Norodon Sihanouk, exercises authority over a segment of Cambodia, the Government of the Khmer Republic still has control over a preponderant number of the Cambodian people."

It then says that the Cambodians themselves should be allowed to solve their own problems without outside interference, and calls upon "all the powers which have been influencing the two parties to the conflict to use their good offices for conciliation between these two parties with a view to restoring peace in Cambodia".

The Chinese still have a chance of bringing up the question again when the Assembly discusses the Cambodian delegation's credentials, or when a further vote is held on one particular paragraph held over from last night. If they do not, the matter can be expected to rest until next year.

Peking, Nov 28.—Prince Norodon Sihanouk tonight rejected outright any possibility of negotiating with the Lon Nol Government in Cambodia.—Reuter.



Canada geese heading south near Cambridge, Maryland as winter comes to North America.

Kissinger agreement with China on assets

From David Bonavia
Peking, Nov 28

Agreement in principle believed to have been reached here on mutual compensations for Chinese assets frozen in United States and American property confiscated in China.

No mention of this was in speeches at tonight's far-broadcast dinner given by Dr H Kissinger, the American Secretary of State, but it is understood that the matter be sorted out after days of law has been gone through.

This will probably mean that the American Government of about \$80m (£35m) to corporations individuals having claim property in China amounting some \$200m. Most of them expected to accept such a sum with relief and China agree to forgive its claim \$80m worth of assets since the Korean war.

This seems to be the important agreement reached during Dr Kissinger's three days here. He has apparently made an accepted further initiative over relations with Taiwan since time is felt not to be ripe.

Tomorrow he leaves with party for a short visit to Soochow and it is unlikely that he will see Chairman Mao on this visit is not being interpreted as snub as protocol does demand such a meeting.

However, the fact that Kissinger came here direct from Vladivostok summit which an arms control agreement was reached with Brezhnev, the Soviet leader, may be relevant. Kissinger said in his broadcast tonight that he was "with a feeling of satisfaction".

The general impression is that Sino-American relations have been kept ticking over during the period of the agreements will be in force.

Party congress strengthens Mr Ceausescu's position

Bucharest, Nov 28.—Romania's ruling Communist Party reaffirmed its independent foreign policy today and strengthened President Ceausescu's already dominant position in the leadership.

The party's national congress approved a new charter fully backing Mr Ceausescu's strident independence within the Soviet bloc. It warned Romania's communist allies that "solidarity is incompatible with interference in internal affairs".

Five new members were elected to the party's policy-making executive committee, all close

By-election in S Africa shows no backlash

From Our Own Correspondent
Cape Town, Nov 28

The result of a South African by-election today indicates that there has been no serious right-wing backlash.

The extreme right-wing Herstigte Nasionale Party received only 1,077 votes, losing its deposit, while the Nationalist candidate received 5,745 votes.

The election caused by the appointment of Mr Pik Botha to head South Africa's United Nations mission, was at Wonderboom, a Pretoria constituency

Mr Ford prepares to dismiss Nixon men

From Our Own Correspondent
Washington, Nov 28

While Americans were celebrating Thanksgiving today, President Ford was preparing to dismiss most of Mr Nixon's surviving White House staff and Cabinet officers.

Usually the White House officers are the more important and it is expected that the Nixon men will be gone by Christmas. Cabinet changes may be spread over a longer period.

President Ford wants to be his own master, and his chief political adviser, Mr Donald Rumsfeld, has been preparing the roll of the condemned. Mrs Anne Armstrong, counsellor to the President, with Cabinet rank and senior woman in the Administration, resigned yesterday.

Mr Kenneth Cole, head of the Domestic Council, and Mr Dean Burch, the political expert who directed Mr Goldwater's campaign in 1964 and the Republicans' efforts in this

year's mid-term elections, are expected to follow her soon.

Mr Roy Ash, head of the Office of Management and Budget, an institution created by Nixon to thwart the Treasury, is confidently expected to go. He may be allowed to complete next year's budget first. Published rumours of varying credibility have reported the imminent departure of every Cabinet officer except Dr Henry Kissinger, the Secretary of State.

He, at least, is safe. Mr James Lynn, Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, is expected to succeed Mr Ash. This is promotion. The Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare, Mr Caspar Weinberger, is high on the list of those who might simply disappear.

One report has it that Mr Weinberger will be succeeded by Mr Peter Dominick, who lost his Senate seat in Colorado on November 5. The

other most vulnerable Cabinet officers are Mr Peter Brennan, Labour, and Mr Earl Butz, Agriculture—although most conscientious rumour-mongers, to be on the safe side, include the name of Mr Claude Brinegar, Secretary of Transportation.

Mr Rogers Morton, Secretary of the Interior, is a close friend of the President's. They have disagreed publicly about the need to introduce stricter controls on the use of petrol. Nevertheless, he might be moved into the White House to devote himself to energy policy.

It is not very likely that all these changes will take place at once. That would be too sweeping and brutal and not in Mr Ford's manner. The most important possible departure on the list is Mr Ash's. He would be offered as the sacrificial lamb on the altar of public discontent with the Administration's economic policy.

Some reports have mentioned Mr William Simon,

Secretary to the Treasury, as a possible alternative sacrifice but the betting is that Mr Ash will soon be offered the consolation of a nice embassy (London and Madrid are both vacant). This is what happened to Mr Nixon's economic adviser, Mr Kenneth Rush, who is now Ambassador to Paris.

The Secretary of Defence, Mr James Schlesinger, seems to have recovered the favour of both the President and Dr Kissinger. As he is not considered a Nixon man he is relatively safe, unlike the unfortunate Mr Ash.

Why the postman did not knock in Louisville

Louisville, Kentucky, Nov 27

More than 12 tons of undelivered mail, some of it dating back to 1967, have been found in the attic of a local postman. The mail was in 1,200 sacks.—UPI.

Delay in finding vaccine for Shires dying in Nigeria

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would not comment on our information that up to 10 of the horses had died. He said that he was forbidden to say anything at all. Indeed, amid a string of "no comments" he said his last information was that the horses were fit and well.

After *The Times* had confirmed the tragedy from other sources, however, both Mr Flower and Mr M. Gibson, managing director of the company, were at pains to answer our questions.

They said they had received an unusual request from the state of Kano to buy and export the Shires for "ceremonial display". The animals had been accompanied by two veterinary surgeons and 10 horse handlers and were quarantined at a specially built stables in Kano. There was also special insurance.

Two trainers were to be left with the Shires for six months, with a supply of equine drugs and a ton of horse nuts to wean them off their British diet.

Within five days of arrival in Kano, African horse sickness had broken out. A special vaccine located in Teheran did not arrive until October 23, after heart stimulants and other equine drugs were flown in from Britain. Scores of polo ponies stabled in the district also died.

The viral disease is one of the reasons why Britain maintains stringent controls. Princess Anne was unable to bring in a horse she wanted from Teheran because the authorities fear this dreadful disease. The question is why, given the prevalence of African horse sickness in the area, vaccine and other precautions were not provided for such valuable horses—worth £2,500 each—immediately on arrival. Shires are not normally

exported to Africa: it is a radical change of environment from England.

All the animals were in healthy condition on shipment and the Ministry of Agriculture gave the Nigerian authorities full health and other clearances. A Ministry spokesman said local veterinary inspection had taken place in Britain.

Mr Gibson said he was present during the deaths. "It is a very unpleasant disease—a dreadful disease," he said. "We fought for six weeks to have the animals."

An inquiry into the whole affair is likely to be ordered by the Shire Horse Society, which is angry at not being told of the deaths. Mr R. W. Bird, the secretary, said: "We thought all was well, reassured by a letter received from the Flower Group as to their safe and healthy arrival. I am shocked to shay the least, at this news."

"We helped in fulfilling the Nigerian order and can only feel deep distress that this should happen."

The society, which was founded in 1878 and maintains a national stud book of stallions and mares, runs the Peterborough show each spring, showing off Britain's Shires. It receives a grant from the Horse Race Betting Levy Board.

The mysterious deal was completely out of the run of usual export inquiries. Most of the 100 Shires sold abroad in the past five years went to the United States and Europe. This is the first time, in the society's recollection, that animals have suffered.

Demands now seem likely that any requests to export horses to Africa or the Middle East should be refused. An important question is whether the Ministry of Agriculture was fully aware of the dangers and the secrecy surrounding the Shires' eventual use.

'Love in toilet costs Uganda Minister her job

Kampala, Nov 28.—Pres Amin today dismissed Elizabeth Bagaya as Uganda Foreign Minister, saying she had made love to an unknown man in a toilet at Paris and had contacts with E and American intelligence.

The strikingly attractive Bagaya, who holds the Princess Elizabeth award, became Foreign Minister February 19 after an actress, lawyer and model. She is believed to be in but without travel documents and under close watch.

Explaining the reason for dismissing her, General Amin said in a statement today: "I was particularly annoyed by the incident at Paris. He deplored such behaviour because it shamed and degraded the standard of women in Uganda."

An English duke who some time ago had dated Bagaya as one of his friends, the President said, was a security risk for Uganda and Africa.—Reuter.

Death sentence on Tanzanians

Lusaka, Nov 28.—The sentence has been passed on five Tanzanians who murdered a Scottish businessman, Alexander Mateson, yesterday last December. They had been in Lusaka when he tried to stop them from his car.

Police with machine guns surrounded the court when the verdict was announced. The hearing in July four of accused had escaped through side door of the court.

Self-censorship by Durban editor

From Michael Knipe
Cape Town, Nov 28

A South African newspaper editor said in court in Durban today that he took steps to withhold from publication pictures which might have created an adverse effect for South Africa overseas and disturbed race relations locally.

One of the controversial pictures would have shown a police dog biting a fleeing black man. Another would have shown the wound left on a black man after he had been bitten by a police dog.

The admission that pictures had been suppressed on a political basis was made by Mr John O'Malley, the editor of the Durban *Daily News*. He is accused of advertising, by means of a news report, a rally in favour of Frelimo (the Mozambique Liberation Front) on September 25, which had been banned by the Government.

Giving evidence, Mr O'Malley, who has pleaded not guilty, said that on the evening of September 25 he had gone to the *Daily News* to examine pictures taken earlier in the day at the rally.

He did so, he said, "because I felt we should go through the photographs taken at Curries Fountain (the venue) that evening because of the possible repercussions this country would suffer if some of the more controversial pictures were disseminated abroad. I

also felt that they should be carefully looked at from the point of view of race relations locally."

Later when Mr S. W. Keurridge, the defence counsel, was about to submit a series of pictures taken at the rally to show that the *Daily News* had withheld publication of these pictures, he was interrupted by the prosecuting counsel who said that the motives behind the publication were not at issue.

South African journalists are likely to be disturbed by Mr O'Malley's witness box statement which may reinforce the belief that the South African press is more suppressive than it actually is. In fact, other newspapers published pictures similar to the ones apparently withheld by the *Daily News* and do so consistently when the need arises.

On trial with Mr O'Malley is Mr Michael Green, his senior assistant editor, and the Argus Printing and Publishing Company, which owns the *Daily News*. They have pleaded not guilty to the charges brought under the Riotous Assemblies Act, that on September 25 they printed a front-page article which allegedly advertised the pro-Frelimo rally which had been banned in a Government gazette issued the same day.

Mr James Kruger, the Minister of Justice, announced his intention of imposing the ban

several days before he did and the defence is content that the paper was not before the editors' eyes before the ban had promulgated in the Government gazette.

Giving evidence, Mr O'Malley said that he was in the absence of the court in charge of the trial that day, said he read the news report that a pro-Frelimo rally would go ahead in matter of prime public interest.

It was, he said, not his intention to encourage people attend the rally. In fact, the report contained a disclaimer that it was his intention under the Riotous Assemblies Act to attend a meeting and attend a city police officer as saying anybody attending the rally would be liable to arrest.

He said he had received new items that the rally had been officially banned, claiming time for the ed was 1 pm, and 1.15 pm was latest copy could have taken out.

Asked by the prosecutor whether it would have made a difference to the way which the report was published had he had a full copy of the report before publication, Mr Green replied that it would have published report as it stood.

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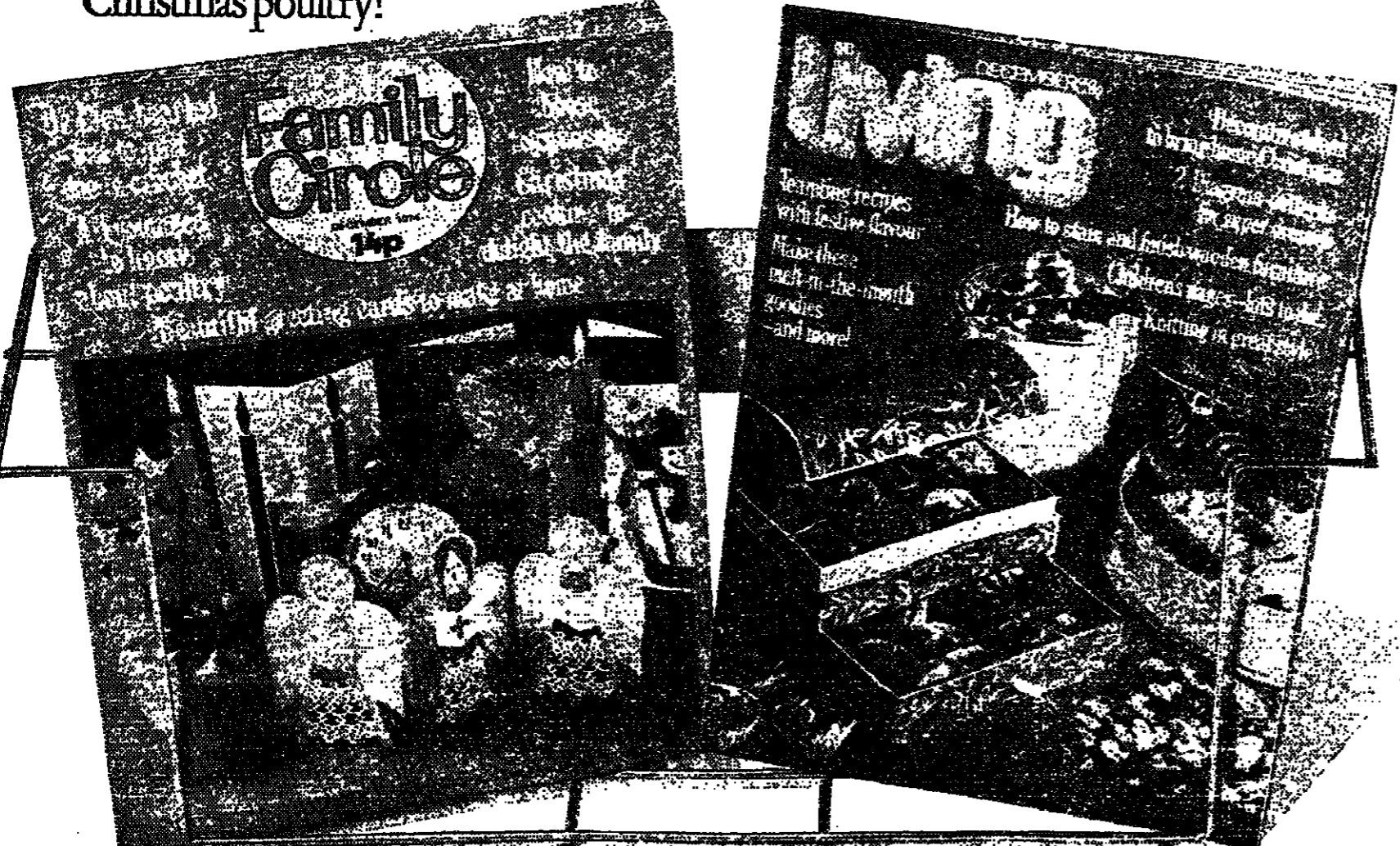
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And there's a crash course on Christmas poultry!

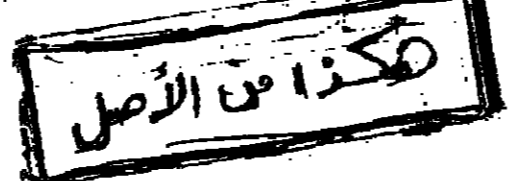
Living Magazine gives you a delicious excuse to make your own home-made chocolates and biscuits!

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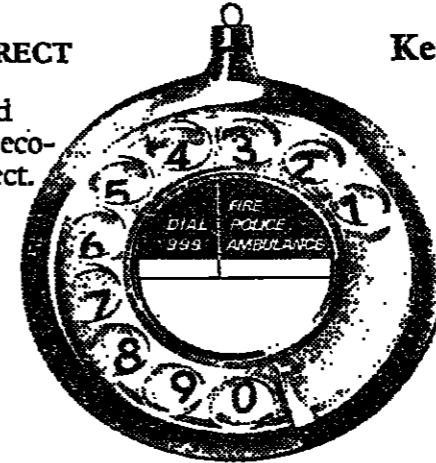
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VERSEAS

Trudeau outburst in Parliament stirs rumours about the harmony of his marital life

John Best
Nov 28

The episode seems to provide another example of the way in which official and family problems, sometimes interrelated, are beginning to pile up on Canada's unpredictable, 55-year-old Prime Minister.

Observers have detected in him an uncharacteristic lack of enthusiasm since the federal elections in July. Having ploughed all his resources into that campaign, and achieved his greatest victory, Mr Trudeau, did not appear to have a lot left over for the business of running the country.

He is a little more active on the international scene than before, but has failed to show vigour and leadership in coping with his Government's manifold domestic problems.

Recently, Mr Trudeau has been shaken by revelations of possible conflicts of interest affecting his Administration. These have involved at least one cabinet minister in addition to his vivacious, 26-year-old wife.

In so far as they involve Mrs Trudeau, they cut across one of the Prime Minister's long-cherished principles: keeping his family life strictly private.

Mrs Trudeau has burst on the public scene in a big way in the past six months or so.

At the behest of the Liberal Party, she took an active part in the election campaign and some say she played a significant role in the party's victory.

Later, she complained of being tired and entered a Montreal hospital for treatment of what she told reporters was severe emotional stress.

More recently, she gave a television interview in which she expressed a desire that her husband should get out of politics.

About a week before Mr Trudeau's visit to Paris and Brussels last month, it was announced that she would accompany him, much to the discomfiture of protocol officials on both sides of the Atlantic.

Shortly after his return from Europe, she was off to Japan with a group of friends for a two-week visit as guest of the shipping magnate, Mr Y. K. Pao, at an estimated cost of \$30,000 (about £13,000).

A Conservative MP, Mr Sinclair Stevens, has now placed a series of questions on the Commons order paper seeking to learn the extent to which the Pao fleet has done business with Government agencies such as the Canadian Wheat Board and the Canadian International Development Agency.

As for Mrs Trudeau, who had declared her intention of going into part-time journalism as a freelance photographer and writer for magazines, she has now told reporters that she has changed her mind.

Lenin aide refused Soviet exit visa

By Richard Davy

A man who is probably the last survivor of Lenin's entourage is being refused permission by the Soviet authorities to visit his daughter and grandchildren in Denmark. He is Professor Arnost Kolman, a Jew of Czech origin who is 82 and lives in Moscow.

A distinguished mathematician and philosopher, he was a professor at Moscow State University and before that at Charles University, Prague. A photograph shows him with Lenin in Red Square in 1918.

During the civil war he was a Red Army commissar in Siberia. After the Prague coup of 1948 he criticized the "despotic methods of the party" and was deported to Moscow, where he spent three and a half years in prison.

In 1958 he moved back to Prague, where he was elected to the Academy of Sciences. He returned to Moscow and has been there ever since. The last of his many works, a huge monograph on the problem of infinity, has not been printed.

The reason he is not allowed to travel is presumably connected with his daughter's marriage to Professor Frantisek Janouch, a well-known Czech physicist and friend of Dr Andrei Sakharov, the dissident Soviet physicist. Professor Janouch opposed the Soviet invasion of Czechoslovakia, was expelled from the party in 1970, and came to the West in 1973. He now works at the Niels Bohr Institute in Copenhagen.

Mrs Janouch, who is a microbiologist, has written to Mr Brezhnev, the Soviet party leader, and also to the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe, which is supposed to be improving family contacts between East and West Europe.

She says in her letter to Mr Brezhnev that she considers it "extremely cruel and inhuman to refuse an 82-year-old man, who devoted his whole life to your country, what may be his last meeting with his daughter."

The Janouchs have two children, aged 10 and three. Professor Kolman tried in vain to visit them in Czechoslovakia in 1972 and has now been refused again.

London firm's lapse hits tourists

Nov 28.—More than 40 tourists on an overland bus whose organizing company suddenly ceased trading, are continuing their trip home at their own expense, the British consul here said today.

The bus, accompanied by a driver and a writer, 42 tourists had set out from London for Delhi and Mandu. On the bus were 14 New Zealanders, five Australians, two Americans, Malaysian, one West German and one Swiss.

The consul said many of them called at the British Embassy in Beirut for help after being informed by the Indigo Company of London that it had ceased trading and that it would not be forthcoming when they reached Delhi.

He added that all members of the group had been able to collect enough money either to use their journeys or to return home.—Reuter.

Mr Whitlam defends his planned tour of Europe

From Our Correspondent Melbourne, Nov 28

Mr Whitlam, the Australian Prime Minister, spoke in defence of his forthcoming overseas trip in the House of Representatives in Canberra today. He was replying to Opposition members who had described his planned journey of five weeks as a "junket."

Mr Whitlam said: "Cheap phrases such as 'junket' are always used when the Prime Minister makes an overseas trip. The critics cannot even get their facts right. There are no members of my family in London at present. The only one who has been there for a number of years is at present in Australia."

He added: "It is necessary for Australia to have continuing top level discussions with leaders in Europe, particularly as there has not been an official visit to Europe by an Australian leader since 1950. I am proposing to use a chartered Qantas Boeing 707 on the highest security advice and members will understand that it is not advisable for me to discuss that aspect in public."

Mr Whitlam will be visiting Malta, the United Kingdom, Ireland, France, the Soviet Union, Yugoslavia, the Netherlands, Italy, Greece and West Germany.

He said that his visit was doubly important because of Europe's position as the largest trading partner of Australia, its significance as a source of international finance, its crucial position in the world monetary system, its advanced technology, particularly in energy matters, and its importance as a source of immigrants and of culture for Australia.

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Jupiter photographed

Mountain View, California, Nov 28.—The unmanned United States spacecraft Pioneer II was 3.35 million miles from its closest approach to Jupiter today and taking 22 colour photographs of the planet.

Cheap sugar being smuggled from Australia

From Our Correspondent Melbourne, Nov 28

Sugar has been found hidden in Christmas toys addressed to Britain, MPs in Canberra were told today. Smuggling on a bigger scale was also taking place, Dr R. A. Patterson, Minister for Northern Development, added.

The price for sugar in Australia is about a quarter of that overseas. The amount of smuggling was not yet large, the Minister said, but he was talking this opportunity to give a public warning.

He quoted the case of the sudden departure from Darwin of a ship carrying a large quantity of sugar obviously bound for overseas sale. It had also happened that the amount of sugar in ships' stores had doubled and even trebled.

Vote to cut off America's \$16m aid to Unesco

From Our Own Correspondent Washington, Nov 28

The Senate foreign relations committee has voted to cut off all American contributions to Unesco. The vote came in the form of an amendment to the foreign aid bill and is in retaliation for Unesco's decision to expel Israel.

America has contributed about \$16m (£6,400,000) a year to Unesco and unless the Arabs make up the deficit, the cut-off will cause the organization considerable difficulty. Unesco performs a number of worthy tasks, among them saving Egyptian temples from the waters of the Nile.

Volcano team prepare to make descent

Wellington, New Zealand, Nov 28.—Five men today completed a reconnaissance for a daring descent into the crater of Mount Erebus, an active volcano on Ross Island, in the Antarctic.

The main party, 14 men from New Zealand, France and the United States, will make the descent itself on about December 20. Wearing fire-proof clothes, helmets and gas masks they will take samples of gas and lava.

For two weeks the reconnaissance party has been establishing a camp near the summit of the 12,500 ft volcano and making a new map of its rim.

The floor of the main crater, about 500 yards across, lies 150 yards below the summit. It is an inner "live" crater, about 200 yards wide, which will engage the explorers' attention. Team members will be winched down from the overhanging lip.—Reuter.

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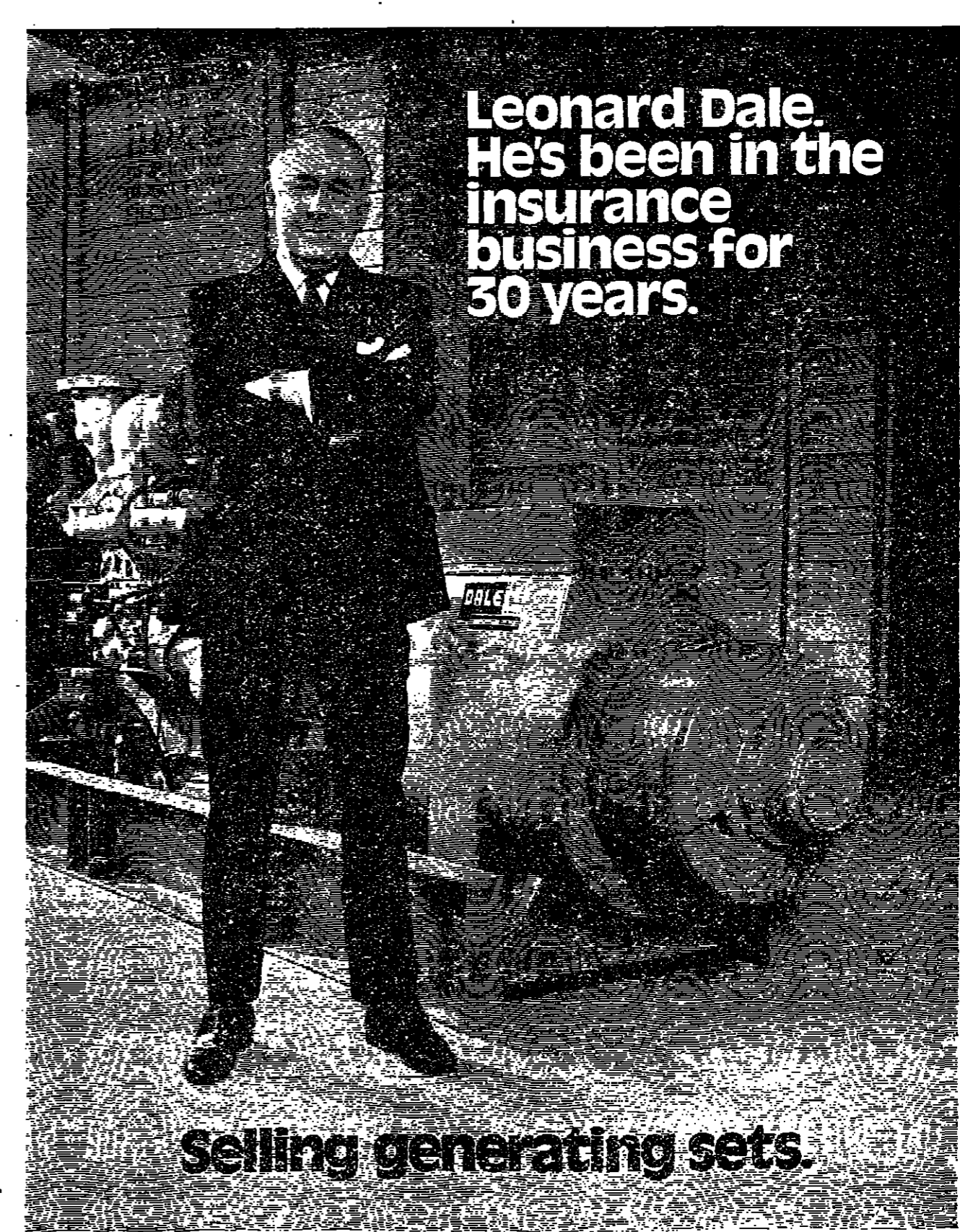
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OVERSEAS
America urged to let Soviet Union have say on Middle East issues

By David Spanier
Diplomatic Correspondent
The United States should reverse its policy of trying to exclude the Soviet Union from the Middle East negotiations...



Mr. Burton Pugach and his bride, formerly Miss Linda Riss, after their wedding in New York yesterday, ending a 15-year-old tragedy.

Blinded victim marries her attacker

From Our Own Correspondent
New York, Nov. 28
A strange wedding has just taken place in New York where a man and a woman...

Persian Gulf rulers to hold first regional meeting

King Faisal, of Saudi Arabia, is understood to have held a meeting with the four rulers of the most important of the small Arab states...

100 are believed trapped in boat

Dacca, Nov. 28.—Nineteen bodies were found after a ferry boat capsized yesterday on Kaptai lake, 210 miles from Dacca...

Pro-Park march broken up

Seoul, Nov. 28.—Police tear gas today to disperse Government demonstrators testing against a campaign of democratic reform in Korea...

Waldheim Cairo visit helps ease tension

From Our Correspondent
Cairo, Nov. 28
Dr Kurt Waldheim, the General Nations Secretary-General, today underlined the importance of reconvening the Geneva Middle East peace conference...

Maalot massacre school teachers resign

From Our Own Correspondent
Jerusalem, Nov. 28
The three teachers who escaped the massacre at Maalot last May have resigned their posts after being criticized in the report of the official inquiry commission...

Amnesty man freed

Moscow, Nov. 28.—Mr Andrei Tverdokhlebov, secretary of the Soviet branch of Amnesty International, who was detained by police last night, was freed today after a 12-hour search of his flat.—Reuter.

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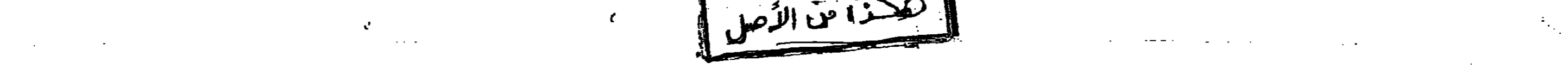
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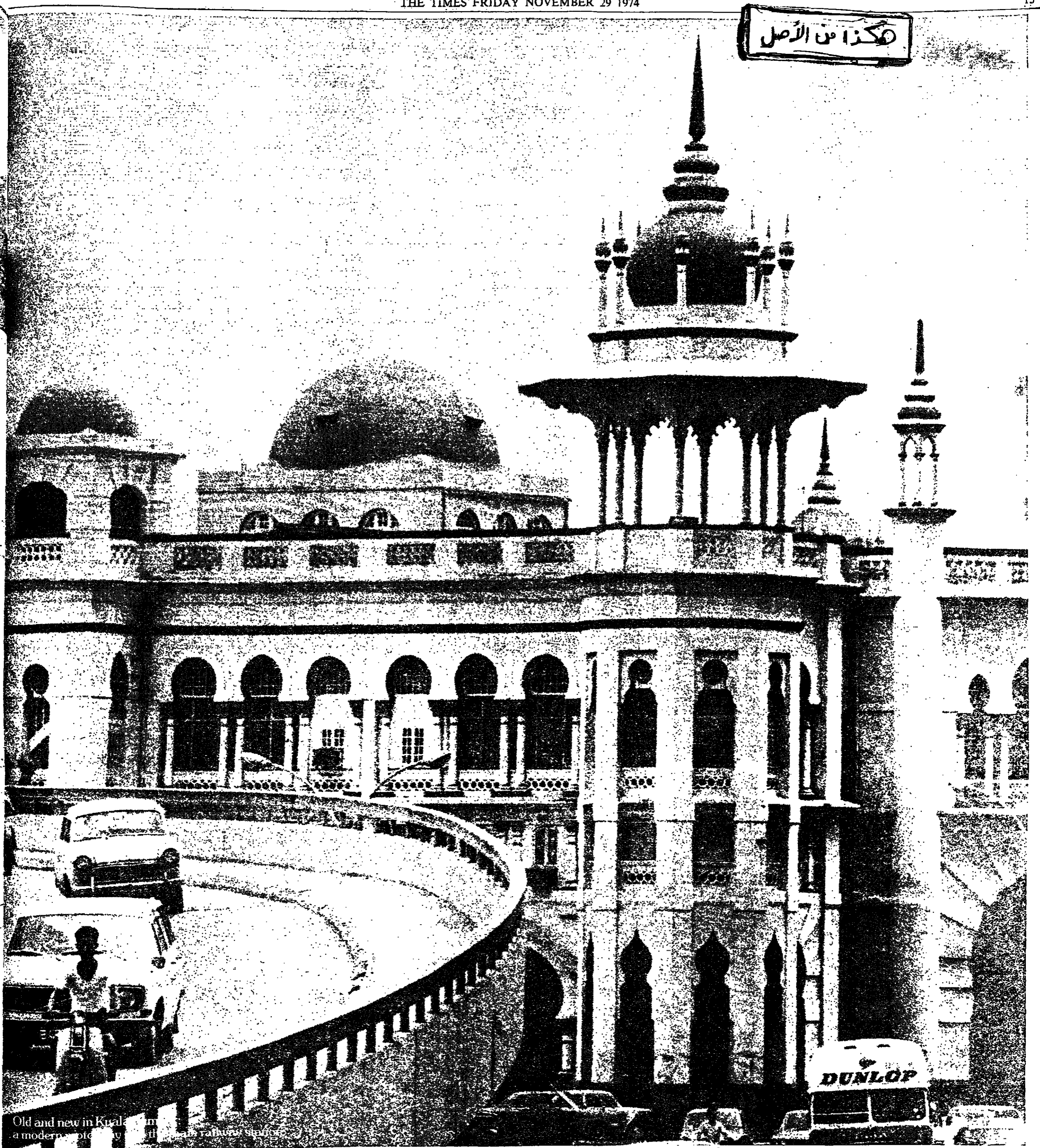
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PARLIAMENT, November 28, 1974

Exceptional powers needed to take effective action against those in terror campaign

House of Commons MR ROY JENKINS, Home Secretary (Birmingham, Stechford, Lab), moving the second reading of the Prevention of Terrorism (Temporary Provisions) Bill...

For those who are made subject to exclusion orders... MR JENKINS—Yes, I have never claimed, and do not claim now, that proscription of the IRA will as of itself reduce terrorist outrages...

Wrong for IRA to have platform on media

SIR KEITH JOFFE, Opposition spokesman on home affairs, Leeds, North-East, C, speaking after Mr Jenkins, said it appeared at first sight that the Home Secretary was going to the balance...

had come out of the Birmingham atrocity. It was wise to face the harsh truths and fix a phased withdrawal. The nation wanted a policy, and it was the duty of the Government to bring one in, as quickly as possible...

Sectarian murders: 21 helping police

MR DUFFY (Sheffield, Attercliffe, Lab) asked the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland how many sectarian murders were committed in Northern Ireland in November...

MR REES—This is an extremely difficult matter. It would be impossible for me to mention any particular names because of the way in which the Government handles such information...

TV authorities have duty not to u material offensive to public feeli

House of Lords LORD HARRIS of GREENWICH, Minister of State, Home Office, opening a debate on the Prevention of Terrorism (Temporary Provisions) Bill...

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Debate on hanging before Christmas

MR HEATH (Bexley, Sidcup, C), during questions on the next day's agenda, said the Home Secretary would be asked to debate the issue of hanging...

MR WHITEHEAD (Derby, North, Lab)—Has the Leader of the House considered whether the Bill should be amended to allow the Home Secretary to review the emergency powers...

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SPORT

Football Bond claims appeals make a mockery of disciplinary system

Norman Fox... Bond, the manager of... Football League Cup... disciplinary system...

his proposal to change the system... Bond's suggestion would... disciplinary system...

Rugby Union Preece gets a piece of well-deserved luck

By Peter West... Preece, the Coventry and... well-deserved luck...

ideas about the quality of this New... Preece was greatly impressed... well-deserved luck...

The fear factor is lowering the standard and strangling any hopes of positive play Managers not defences need security

By Gerald Sinstadt

The standard of football in... The fear factor is lowering... Managers not defences need security...



Marsh: his lop-sided team could be the maverick in the herd.

eight years later, the Football... Marsh looks enviously at the... Managers not defences need security...

England may discard idea of four fast bowlers

John Woodcock... England may discard idea... four fast bowlers...

Golf New system will help club professional

By Peter Ryde... New system will help club... professional...

promise decision which went a... club professional... New system will help club professional...

Athletics A champion misses the flavour of competition

By Neil Allen... A champion misses the... flavour of competition...



Competitive days recalled: Hemery (left) at Mexico City in 1968 and Hewson at the AAA championships in 1959.

your body can get unpredictable... competitive days recalled... Hemery and Hewson...

Rackets Begg atones and bemuses Harrow

By Our Rackets Correspondent... Begg atones and bemuses... Harrow...

Book reviews Contributions to another good cause

By Norman Fox... Contributions to another... good cause...

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Racing

Stallion incentive scheme to wait for better economic climate

By Michael Phillips Racing Correspondent Yesterday there was another development on the Racing Policy Committee front. It was announced that the president and chairman of the Thoroughbred Breeders Association have written to the senior steward of the Jockey Club to say that they are not satisfied with the representation on the new committee and that they have asked for a meeting.

Opera and Ballet

Cantabet's motorway trip should pay off

By Jim Snow Northern Racing Correspondent After inspections at two northern courses yesterday, the Haydock Park stewards found conditions too bad to race this afternoon, but over in Lincolnshire all promised well for the Market Rasen programme. A bitterly cold day with some sun, however, was just in time to save Market Rasen, but in the winter months the going on this low-lying and always well patronised meeting can be terribly soft and demands stamina and courage in full measure. There will be many leg-weary hurdlers and steeplechasers this afternoon in the three races over three miles, and in the Gordon Arms Handicap Steeplechase of two miles and a half.

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Sandown Park selections

By Our Racing Correspondent 1.0 Mad Mahdi. 1.30 Bird of Prey. 2.0 Garnish. 2.30 Tudor View. 3.0 Sidney Carton. 3.30 FLOATING POUND is specially recommended.

Market Rasen selections

By Our Northern Correspondent 1.25 Say It All. 1.15 Bibbo. 1.45 Plucky Punter. 2.15 Duforge. 2.45 CANTABET is specially recommended. 3.15 Grimsby Town. 3.40 Pottersville.

Results at Towcester yesterday

- 12.0 (1.0) MARCHMONT HURDLE 1.0 (1.0) CAYTON HANDICAP STEEPLCHASE (5210: 3m 100yds)

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Rugby League

Fielding well on way to half century of tries

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Squash rackets

Pollard one of two new Oxford faces

Ian Pollard, from New South Wales, formerly a promising junior tennis player who was attached to Australia's official list of Davis Cup candidates, will be Oxford University's fourth string in their squash rackets match against Cambridge at the Royal Automobile Club, Pall Mall, today, writes Rex Bellamy.

Boxing

Knight says Kirkman may cause a shock

By Neil Allen Boxing Correspondent There was, surprisingly, little defensive about the atmosphere at the Sportsman Club in London yesterday when the Albert Hall boxing promoter, Michael Barrett, presented the new champion, Joe Bugner, and the American Boone Kirkman, whom Bugner will box at the Albert Hall next Tuesday.

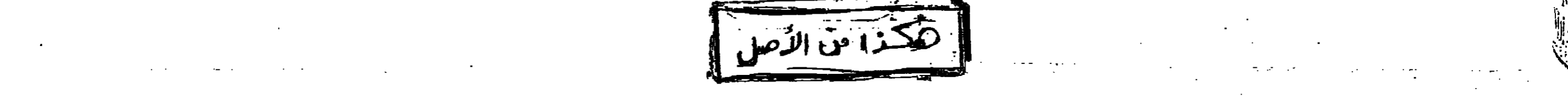
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THE ARTS

Twenty years on, afar and asunder

Scenes from a Marriage (a) Curzon Earthquake (a) Empire Breezy (aa) Universal

renewing their relationship through infidelity to a marriage grown stale... The method now is different. The curly studies of the relations employed the artifice of light domestic comedy...

hard and real life is so filled with terrors, it seems, there is some consolation in fictional catastrophes that are huge enough to dwarf the real ones... Though Earthquake is, at that, so close to possibility that you might expect it to be not a little alarming to the inhabitants of Los Angeles...

clausily like the (unimitable) Walter Matthau... The dramatic method recalls a well-known circus act in which just where the plate spinner is going mad keeping 12 plates going at once, his trousers start to fall down... Earthquake is directed by Mark Robson, who progressed from being one of Val Lewton's school of low-budget horror directors...



Life at the top in 'Earthquake'

David Robinson

Elusive monarch

Inside the Great Pyramid BBC 2

Alan Coren During the lurching commentary on Wednesday—translated, to be fair, from Danish, a language particularly prone to lurch—vast numbers of questions were excavated from the mound of pondering that is almost as high and almost as old as the item about which it has accreted... Many of those questions were the usual rhetorical coddle-woop of archaeological documentary...

Earl Hines Central Hall

Miles Kington

There were important goings on at Central Hall, Westminster, on Wednesday, including the Labour Party conference... Earl Hines was making one of his rare London appearances and, just as important, appearing alone in public for the first time here... Miles Kington was making one of his rare London appearances...

A Spanish casting of skins

Ballet Rambert Sadler's Wells

John Percival

Presumably because he comes from Puerto Rico, Manuel Alum has chosen a Spanish title for his new ballet with Ballet Rambert opened their London season on Wednesday, Ecceles, it is called, and a slip in the programme obligingly translates that as "a casting of skins"... Later, Lucy Burge pulls off the upper part of the leopard and she has worn underneath, and displays her bare breasts...

there is also quite a lot of solemn walking about, sometimes picking up the discarded jumble, sometimes just glaring... The cast manage to look as though they know what they are about. Julia Blakie dominates the opening, kneeling to drum her fingers agitatedly on the floor... Tudor's Dark Elzevir has been revived complete with its moodily apt backdrops of totemic, played again by a fair-sized orchestra...

Byzantium

Dingwall's Dance Hall

Philip Norman

It is not easy to extract a conventional review from a place such as Dingwall's Dance Hall. One must contend, for a start, with stupefying fatigue—the music does not begin until almost midnight...

L'Enfant et les Sorcieres Royal Academy of Music

Alan Blyth

Stories of the formidable talents of Simon Rattle, the conductor, who is 19, have been spreading widely in musical circles over the past few months... The opera was given in (moderately good) French, and the cast list had been left in the original, taxing one's knowledge of the language... The Stravinsky was a cunning choice for a student orchestra...

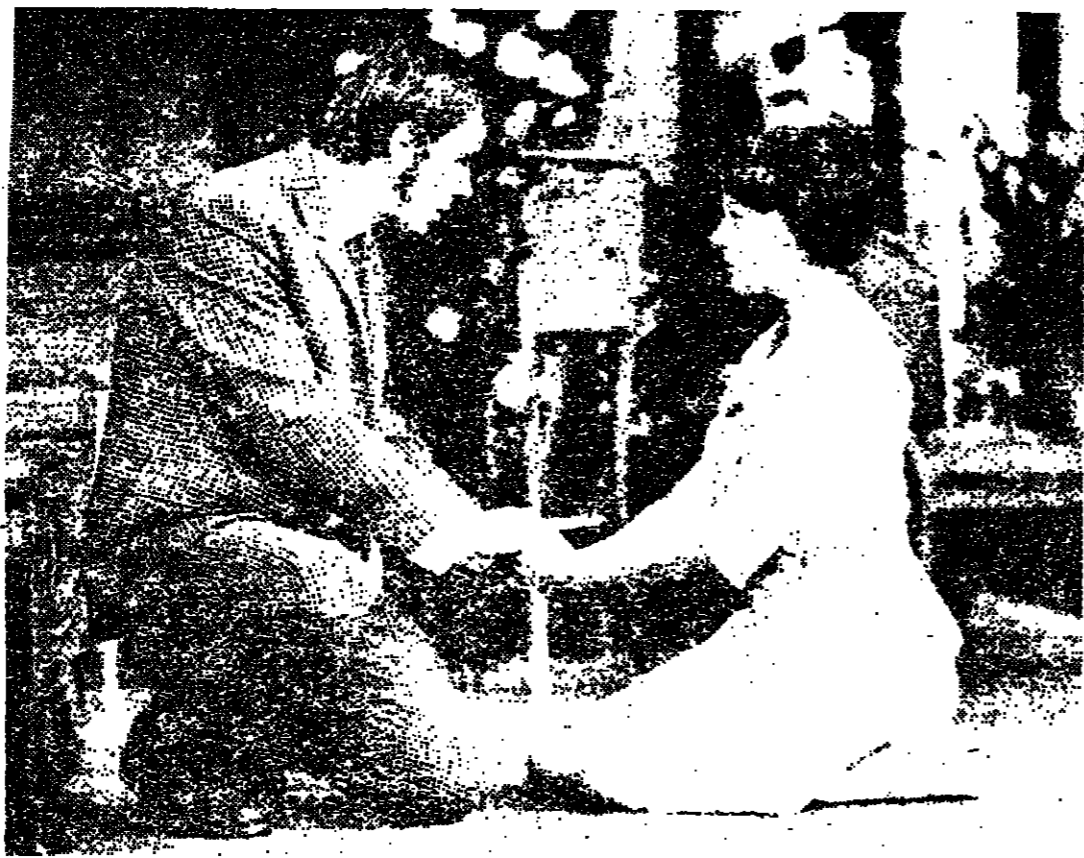
Fires of London Queen Elizabeth Hall

William Mann

When he is not composing on the island of Orkney, or touring with his group The Fires of London, Peter Maxwell Davies has been acting as mentor to Gillian Whitehead, the young New Zealand composer... The drama, we understand, is about man's approach and reaction to divine presences... The rest of it is more equivocal in its mysticism, including a Polish poem about the omnipresence of evil...

Festival to end with 'A Bigger Splash'

Jack Hazan's A Bigger Splash will be the special closing-night presentation at the London Film Festival on December 8... The film was one of the eight Critics' Week selections at the Cannes Film Festival...



Peter Egan and Dorothy Tutin

Photograph by Zoe Dominick

What Every Woman Knows Albany

Irving Wardle

Barrie is not much played today, but his name (even without the help of Peter Pan) is a byword for fey whimsicality and cloying sentiment... Perhaps Barrie did possess what used to be called a feminine sensibility, but it was his own... To anyone who shares this view, Clifford Williams's festively sympathetic revival of What Every Woman Knows will bring added confirmation...

claim their sister Maggie at the end of it... Scarcely two takes us forward six years to the night of their oratorical election to Parliament, and the foreclosure of the marriage contract... Dorothy Tutin undergoes conspicuous costume changes with the ascent of Maggie's fortunes, but this actress excels in telegraphing unspoken thought processes...

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EXHIBITIONS

- PATRIC SEALE GALLERY... RICHARD GREEN GALLERY... ROYAL ACADEMY OF ARTS, TURNER... ROYAL MINT GALLERY... SPINK... TEMPLER GALLERY... THE TOKYO KID BROTHERS... THE GATE... LOUISMALLE'S PHANTOM INDIA

A South African radical exulting in life's chaotic variety

ine Gordimer is the first to appear in 1971 who is delighted to have won the prize for Fiction, the £5,000 Prize for Fiction. She is from her native Johannesburg; this week to receive it, and she met her prize-winning prize. The prize-winning prize, £2,750, had finally been awarded from embargo in South Africa.

Her work is thoroughly void by censorial fingers; it is not the usual affectations and sales; publishers submit potential offenders in advance, but she did that she would not write with him at once. She knows what she writes, and has so since 1953.

Years, despite her frequent full-length fictions, many of which have been published in the past, she has been writing "supremely a writer of stories", but after *The Conservationist* and the brilliant *test of Honour* (1971), two different novels which have made her name; she widened her expressive dramatic range, anyone who sticks to her tag will look foolish. In her sixth book, she is still a defining artist. Tipped by a panel of the Swedish Academy for a Nobel Prize in the future, she smiles and shakes her head. "I'm my own worth. Besides, I am Greene and Isaac and Singer." As a child grew up among the mines and scorches of east Johannesburg, reading of places in Cobbe and Zola's *L'Assommoir* appeared has changed. Like many women who were well known and much photographed in the late fifties and sixties, Miss Gordimer made an uncomplaining picture of herself to the world. Her hair is black, face lined, age permanently and gratefully advanced into the (it was a man's world, all). Yet she is only 51. Her hair is long like a girl's; her face is softer, more relaxed; she is like an intelligent and serious ballerina. Her life is as tough as ever. "I am a white South African. Please don't call me a Liberal. Liberal is a dirty word. Liberals are people who make nice they have no power. Most alone she reminds us, her invaluable, steady

eye, that few countries in the world are more complex than South Africa, or can offer the born novelist richer material. One of her best stories—*The Bride of Christ*—concerns the tragicomic dilemma of white liberal Jewish parents whose daughter seeks confirmation in the very Church that condones apartheid. In Europe, or the United States, such a situation would seem contrived, to take one twist too many; in South Africa, if hardly commonplace, it is likely enough. "I am alternately exulting in the fantastic chaotic variety of life and life-forms and appalled, as a writer, by the absolute necessity to make sense of it all."

"South Africa is a country which sets you on a permanent course of self-discovery; it can detect you, quite without warning, in some act of striking hypocrisy. I have always refused to join any exclusively white clubs, yet how absurd when I make regular use of other white facilities: trains, taxis, theatres,

The list is endless. We are all, as the Americans say, accommodating to one another. Such ambiguities are the realities of the situation now." They are reflected ominously in the style of *The Conservationist*, where many things are not what they seem, and some appear to have shifted ground on a second reading. The bareveld springs to life with amaryllis lilies overnight, but to be born to white supremacy can still be like choking on a silver spoon.

South Africa is changing. Simonstone fills the papers. The pressures of violence and reform in the Portuguese territories have dented a little the complacency of those luncheon parties Miss Gordimer vivified so perfectly in her early stories. Mr. Vorster has promised "six months" of social transformation. What can he possibly mean?

"Of course, anything is better than nothing, but merely to relax the rules of petty apartheid, the segregation of parks,

libraries, cinemas or bus stops, seems to me an insult when the things that really matter—freedom to live and work where you like, a fair distribution of good land—are still being withheld. The grand design of apartheid remains, yet the *African is standing on his own soil*." That, through all the deliberately ambiguous symbols and poetically precise metaphors (one, of a candle guttering to a slow, explosive death, unfolds as the very image of inevitable extinction) is the clear, uncompromising text of *The Conservationist*.

When I suggested that perhaps the novel's pig-protagonist, the white exploiter Mehrling, had ended up less wholly wicked than she might have originally intended, she showed no surprise, turned the question most marvelously (and South Africanly) on its head by replying that, yes, there are indeed many people more likeable than Mehrling who are doing far worse things. "There are ter-

rible things in all of us—that is what is so bewildering." South Africa still has a responsible Press ("astonishingly free, though it fights a yearly battle to remain so") but private evasiveness gains grossly. If the evidence of petty apartheid disappeared from the streets altogether, many whites would be able to persuade themselves that there was nothing the matter at all.

What next? "It is no longer possible for blacks and whites to act together for reform; we're all distrusted now."

"Most of the finest blacks are in exile or jailed, and there are some pretty nasty ones coming up, exploiters out to get only what they can with no thought for the rest. It's amazing how they've already found their white counterparts; I think that in the end they're going to carve up the whole country between them."

Michael Ratcliffe



Why acupuncture must not be regarded as the magical cure-all

An enormous boost was given to western practitioners of acupuncture when repeated reports of its successes began to emerge from the People's Republic of China. For many years acupuncture—some medically qualified, some not—had been part of fringe medicine in Britain and the United States, along with herbalists, osteopaths, and hypnotists. When in 1971 China cautiously opened her frontiers after Mr. Nixon's ping-pong initiative, dramatic accounts of acupuncture anaesthesia were brought back by newsmen and early western visitors. Suddenly acupuncture became intellectually respectable and even fashionable, and anyone with knowledge of the technique found himself besieged with inquirers.

Since then teams of western medical scientists have returned from China and published detailed assessments of the procedures they saw there. Australian, Canadian, Swedish, and American doctors have agreed that acupuncture as practised in China gives impressive results; but it is not the near-magical panacea that some of its supporters would like to claim.

The current techniques have been repeatedly demonstrated by Chinese experts for the benefit of their visitors, all questions being readily answered. Veterinary experts have also visited China to see for themselves the use of acupuncture in the treatment of animals. In both men and animals the three main uses of acupuncture are: as an anesthetic for surgical operations; as a means of relieving pain; and as a treatment for non-infectious diseases ranging from asthma to deafness. The reactions of western observers to these three variants have been very different.

Acupuncture was first used for surgical anaesthesia in 1958, so that even in China it is a recent development. In research units there are still experimenting to find the most effective sites for insertion of needles and the optimum form of electric stimulation. Nevertheless every recent medical delegation to China has seen convincing demonstrations of acupuncture anaesthesia for operations ranging from removal of small tumours in the neck to major surgery on the heart or brain. The patients undergoing these procedures remained fully conscious, without any signs of distress or discomfort.

Acupuncture is not, however, the most common type of surgical anaesthesia in China. Foreign visitors are agreed that at present it is used for less than 20 per cent of all surgical procedures. Some of its advantages are obvious—it is remarkably safe; it reduces the likelihood of postoperative complications such as chest infections associated with the use of western anaesthetic gases; the patient (being awake) can cooperate with the surgeon. It is also claimed that acupuncture has a tonic and anti-inflammatory effect and so reduces the severity of any surgical shock. Furthermore, the procedure is simple enough to be taught to barefoot doctors and other health professionals with little medical training; and finally it is cheap—very important in a country short of money for medical resources.

Why, then, is acupuncture anaesthesia not used more often? First, in contrast to western anaesthesia, there is no muscle-relaxant effect, so that the surgeon may find difficulty in operations on the abdomen, and for this reason conventional anaesthetics are preferred for most operations on the stomach, intestines, and other internal organs. Secondly, patients find the sensation caused by intraneural manipulations uncomfortable and some find the relief of pain induced by acupuncture inadequate, so that supplementary drug anaesthesia has to be given.

Most important, however, the Chinese have found that difficulties of some kind are almost

invariably in patients who were anxious or doubtful about acupuncture before operation. It seems that the patient's attitude is very important, and that good results are most likely when he or she is totally confident and relaxed. This may explain why attempts to reproduce acupuncture anaesthesia by experienced practitioners in Japan, Hong Kong, and Britain have mostly resulted in failure.

Despite these reservations, however, highly experienced observers such as Dr John Bonica, of Washington University, Seattle, have no doubt that in selected cases acupuncture can give satisfactory surgical anaesthesia, though they can offer no satisfactory explanation for the protection against pain that the technique affords. The general view among western anaesthetists is that acupuncture is unlikely to have a major role as an anaesthetic in technically advanced countries. Most patients here would prefer the oblivion offered by conventional methods; acupuncture is relatively slow, and the uncertainty is unsettling for patient and doctor.

Relief of pain may be another matter, however. In China acupuncture is widely used for the relief of the pain of arthritis, headache, neuralgia, heart disease, and indeed almost any chronic condition. Western acupuncturists have had little difficulty in reproducing these results.

For example, acupuncture has proved effective in a high proportion of patients with long-standing pain from spinal arthritis or slipped disc, and the relief given by one or two sessions of treatment has lasted for several weeks or even months. As yet there have been few attempts to compare the value of acupuncture with conventional western drugs; but it seems certain that acupuncture can be added to the range of possible treatments for chronic pain. Whether it will prove to have a major or a minor role remains to be seen.

Most controversial of the claims made for acupuncture are assertions that it is effective in treating paralysis resulting from stroke or poliomyelitis, blindness, and other symptoms caused by structural diseases of the nervous system. Within China these claims mostly originate in the colleges of traditional medicine, where students are still taught a syllabus based on the Yellow Emperor's classic published 2,500 years before Christ.

Western scientists visiting China have not been impressed by demonstrations of acupuncture in the treatment of these conditions; indeed the official report to the Australian National Health and Medical Research Council stated unambiguously: "there is no evidence whatsoever that acupuncture is of value in the treatment of paralysis, strokes, poliomyelitis, demyelinating diseases, facial palsy, or peripheral nerve injuries. There is not even sufficient prima facie evidence to justify mounting a clinical trial."

Established medical opinion in the West seems, then, to have achieved a broad consensus on acupuncture. The technique is clearly effective in relieving pain, though the mechanism by which it does so is still unknown (both to western and Chinese science). The practical value of relief of pain by acupuncture has yet to be assessed in our society, where most patients have access to drugs and other alternatives. Careful trials will be needed—and are justified—to establish the future role of pain-relief by acupuncture in western medicine. While scientific visitors to China have generally been very impressed by the use of acupuncture to relieve pain their reaction to its use as a curative treatment has been highly sceptical.

Dr Tony Smith
Medical Correspondent

Detecting inherited disorders

arts to stamp out the most frequent of the hereditary diseases individuals may in be cautioned—before they are given advice—that belongs to a category at risk of transmitting a serious defect to their children. The beginning of this unusual early systematic genetic screening collaborative work—by the Medical Research Council and the department of genetics at Edinburgh University.

though aimed at the irreducible idea of eradicating the most debilitating of the most debilitating diseases, this development enables the way that one responsibility is shared between parent and medical

idential files are being held at Edinburgh in the ion of a national register individuals at risk of having children with a genetic disease. The scheme is called the acronym RAPID, the ter for the ascertainment prevention of inherited disease. It could improve the chances of identifying people predisposed to die or a defect because of genetic anomaly in their-

imates vary, but a report Nature Inheritance. Chance choice? suggests 3,000 to infants are born a year severe disorders, many have predispositions to be of some kind, and some cent of infant mortality (1,700 out of 19,000) is attributed to genetic deficiency. Enormous strides have been made in the past few years diagnosing abnormalities in pregnancy. The 1967 Gen. Act allows mothers carry a substantial risk of having a severely handicapped

baby the choice of termination. With some diseases, a diagnosis before birth enables new treatments to be prepared which, if applied quickly after birth, overcome the problems. Only a tiny number of the thousand or so potential hereditary disorders can be discovered by prenatal tests. However, they include some of the most frequently occurring and most distressing, such as Down's syndrome or mongolism and spina bifida.

Yet there is far from unanimous opinion about the way genetic screening and counselling leading to selective abortion should be used. The arguments include a disturbing mixture of technical, economic, political and social factors. Introduction of a national screening campaign as a routine for a large number of mothers would cost more than the Health Service is prepared to underwrite now.

As the heart of one part of the dispute is the shortage of hospital centres at which the recently developed test amniocentesis can be done. It consists of taking a small sample of the liquid, or amniotic fluid, from around the foetus for a series of biochemical tests, as well as revealing mongolism at an early stage of pregnancy, there are 40 other conditions that can be discovered this way. Amniocentesis is not a simple procedure like, say, the mass chest X-ray that can be done in some convenient school, community centre or factory car park.

Some advisers to the Medical Research Council and the Department of Health are cautious about the speed at which amniocentesis should be introduced. On the other hand, other specialists believe the problem of mongolism and spina bifida could be virtually removed by provid-

ing more test centres and conducting a campaign to make women aware of a diagnostic service.

A clear cut list of circumstances under which amniocentesis would be appropriate is straightforward to compile. But there are other indications, such as a simple blood test for detecting female carriers of one of the commonest forms of muscular dystrophy, to be incorporated in a comprehensive screening service.

In principle the computer-based RAPID project provides a way of collating the vast variety of factors about individuals with genetic anomalies from medical records. Using this information to advise people of the risk incurred if they have children alters the existing process of medical consultation. No matter how the information is conveyed, an element must creep in of individual units being held responsible to society—whatever that might be.

It is not an issue of saying simply that a mother can choose between having severely handicapped children or not having them at all.

It is obviously easier to determine the genetic make-up of the parents than the unborn child. Yet in a way this is where the difficulties start. When everything is in order, each of the billions of cells of a normal person carries 46 chromosomes arranged in 23 pairs. Years of medical observation and biological research pinpointed that some causes of blindness, mental retardation, anaemias and so forth must be attributable to defects in single or groups of genes contained within chromosomes.

Modern methods of analysis were needed to show the unique

characteristic of each chromosome in a cell, and how certain diseases could be linked with specific abnormalities in the number and structure of a chromosome. In the case of mongolism, for instance, there is an extra chromosome in position of the pair labelled number 21. In a few cases the chromosome count is correct, but the defect arises because part of a chromosome has broken off and become attached to another pair. There are about 1,200 infants suffering Down's syndrome out of the total of 800,000 births a year.

Although diseases can be detected in the foetus, two other important ones—phenylketonuria and cystic fibrosis—are more difficult to spot. Fortunately the first of these responds well to prompt treatment by a special diet of protein, vitamins and minerals. Since this was discovered the disorder has been attacked with effective early screening of newborns.

The likelihood of a genetic anomaly appearing as a defect in an infant may be determined by the make-up of the mother or the father, or both. Depending on whether a gene is classed as dominant (meaning it can pass on a characteristic even if it is only in one chromosome of a pair) or recessive (then both chromosomes of that pair have to have the abnormal gene), a defect may only occur in one in two offspring, or one in four offspring. In the present state of antenatal diagnosis, counselling based on the genetic make-up of parents could mean sacrificing on average three normal babies for every affected foetus—when selective abortion is used.

Pearce Wright
Science Correspondent

Patients' virtue

Mention the Patients' Association to the average doctor and he bristles, thinking at once of complaints and critical letters in newspapers. It is a great pity that this antagonism has grown up, for the association provides some valuable services. Despite its aggressive title, the group's latest publication, *Can I insist?* (available from the Patients' Association, 335 Grosvenor Road, London, WC1C, price 20p, post paid) contains a mass of useful information for patients who want to know how to change their doctors, get a second opinion, or bequeath their bodies for medical research.

The leaflet is based on the most frequent queries received by the association from worried patients and takes the form of demured answers to 30 common problems. These include seeing an unexpected bill for dental treatment, arranging for a baby to be born at home, and difficulties with hospital visiting arrangements; the information is given clearly, simply, and accurately and in most cases

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R. W. Shakespeare... troubles in the Midlands... when they were made idle during a recent strike...

Talks open on state participation in N Sea

By Roger Vielvoys... Negotiation began yesterday of the Government's claim for a 51 per cent stake in 12 commercial oilfields in the North Sea.

Malaysia setting up buffer stock for rubber in six-point programme to stabilize the market

By John Woodland... A 300m Malaysian dollars (about £55m) scheme to stockpile rubber and remove it from the market was announced by Malaysia in Kuala Lumpur yesterday.

Stocks, it is thought, are nearing 2 million tonnes... Coffee and sugar: Both coffee and sugar have been the subject of discussions by producers to protect or stabilize prices.

Property shares hit by bout of selling

By Terry Byland... Reports that "at least one big United Kingdom property group may soon be forced into liquidation" if no action is taken to alleviate the industry's problems...

power stations shut by unofficial strikers

Ronald Kershaw... Yorkshire power stations were shut down yesterday when about 1,000 workers on a 43-hour unofficial strike in protest over alleged cuts in pay talks.

Slaters take over Jessel unit trusts

By Margaret Stone... Jessel Britannia, the unit trust group and one of the most profitable subsidiaries of the troubled Jessel Securities group, has effectively been taken over by Slater Walker Securities for £1.58m cash.

Shell to put £1,000m into chemicals

By Peter Hill... Investment of up to £1,000m over the next five years is planned by chemical industry subsidiaries of the Royal Dutch/Shell Group, much of it in Western Europe.

Higher subscriptions and listing fees possible to help SE finances

By Our Financial Editor... Measures aimed at easing the financing of the Stock Exchange are likely to be announced next week. It is thought that between £5m and £6m is needed by the Stock Exchange during the next two or three years if it is to maintain services and meet capital commitments which include an £8m new listing and clearing system.

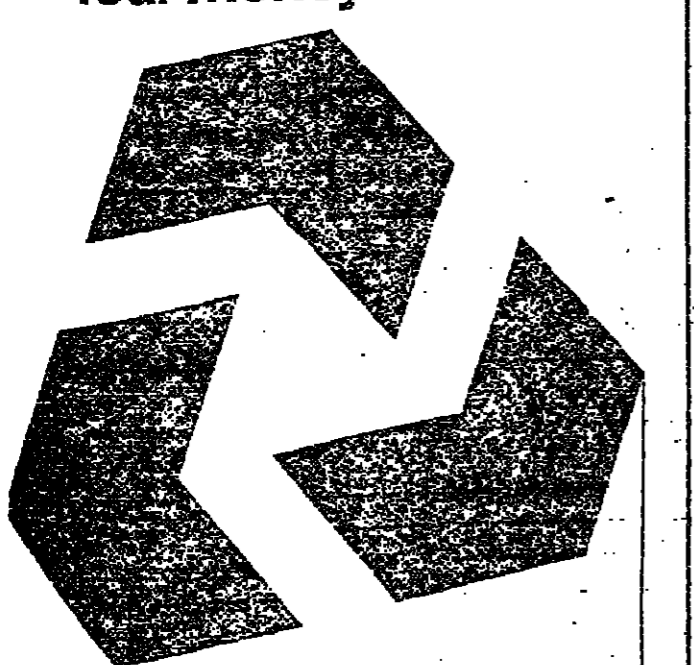
Cammell Laird peace formula

Hopes of a settlement in the six-week-old strike at the Cammell Laird shipyard at Birkenhead rose last night on the announcement that fresh proposals had been put to the unions after they met the management. These proposals will be put to a mass meeting today.

ICI nine-month profits rise 70 pc to £373m

By Anthony Rowley... Imperial Chemical Industries yesterday announced profits of £119m before tax for the third quarter of 1974—an increase of 70 per cent over the corresponding period last year.

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How the markets moved

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British Leyland to invest £22m in South African subsidiary

By Clifford Webb
British Leyland is going ahead with plans to invest £22m in its South African subsidiary despite its present financial problems and the gloomy forecasts emanating from the world's car markets.

The decision to stretch its limited finances still further follows the successful outcome of its offer to buy for cash the 20 per cent of the equity of Leyland South Africa it did not already control.

Some motor industry observers have suggested that BL was faced with an either/or situation when considering the future of its two major overseas subsidiaries, Australia and South Africa. In practice there was never a choice. It comes as no

surprise that local manufacturing, has stopped in Australia and the Sydney plant is being sold to the government for housing while South Africa is to be expanded.

The Australian operation has been a loss-maker for many years and with the government insisting on a 90 per cent local content while permitting large imports of Japanese cars was only likely to get worse.

On the other hand, South Africa has a record of substantial profits. There was a setback in 1973 but a management shuffle which saw Mr Basil Landau emerge as managing director has returned it to profits of around £2.6m in each of the past two years.

The £22m will be spent over

the next four years to introduce new models and to modernize and expand the Black Heath Cape Town car plant.

In Australia the very high locally manufactured requirement effectively prevented BL from using the low cost, high volume production of its United Kingdom plants.

Then again the type of car used in South Africa is much more European than the big American saloons preferred in Australia. This will enable BL to use South African derivatives of the new cars it plans to launch in Britain over the next 18 months.

It was the introduction of the P76—BL's first all Australian car—which finally broke the back of Leyland Australia.

Plastics plea for cash incentives

By Peter Hill
Britain's plastics manufacturers yesterday reinforced their appeals to the Government for measures to help their liquidity situation. The latest representations were made against the background of decisions announced earlier this week by ICI and Shell that they were implementing production cut-backs as a result of reduced demand from downstream processors in the plastics and fibres industries.

In a statement the British Plastics Federation stated that it had been aware for some time of the many problems being faced by companies which buy plastics materials. It had repeatedly expressed its concern about liquidity and the effects of inflation and had underlined these points in representations to the Government.

Within the petrochemicals industry it is calculated that the demand for fibres and thermochemicals materials has fallen by an average of between 15 and 20 per cent.

Meanwhile, some deliveries from the Duxford, Cambridgeshire plant of Ciba-Geigy (United Kingdom) will be disrupted as a result of an explosion in one of a number of production units at the plant which caused damage estimated at £250,000.

Hallmarking Act gives export boost to silver

By Derek Harris
A new Hallmarking Act, covering gold, silver and for the first time platinum, should from next January make it easier for British manufacturers using these precious metals to succeed in export markets.

An important technical change in the new Act compared with present legislation is that it will no longer be an offence in the United Kingdom for dealers to manufacture or possess articles which would be regarded as sub-standard when measured against the British hallmarking and assay standards.

Purity requirements in some overseas markets are different from those demanded in the United Kingdom. West Germany's standard for silver, for instance, allows a lower standard of purity—800 parts of silver per 1,000 compared with Britain's sterling standard of 925 parts.

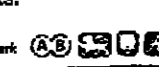
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


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







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


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Singer UK in £6m contract

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In a statement yesterday, the company said that the Russian contract was the culmination of a marketing investment that had been spread over five years.

The company had also taken

part in two exhibitions and technical seminars. Apart from the large Russian order the company has acquired business worth more than £1m from other East European countries.

In another valuable export contract, the Cheshire firm of Joseph Parks & Son, a member of the Chamberlain Group has announced that it had gained an order worth £1.6m to supply new buildings to the Brazilian shipyard of Companhia Comercio e Navegacao.

Ghana orders BRE wagons

Ghana Railways have ordered 36 bogie bolster wagons costing £155,000 from BRE-Metro, the joint export sales company of British Rail Engineering and Metro-Cammell.

The wagons are to be used for the transport of hardwood logs which form a large part of Ghana's exports. Now being built at BRE's Litchurch Lane works, Derby, the wagons are shipped in a "knocked down" state to Takoradi.

Contractors warned to 'get tough'

By Malcolm Brown
Electrical contractors were told yesterday to "get tough" if they wanted to survive the next two years.

The warning came from Mr Michael Stothers, president of the Electrical Contractors' Association.

He told contractors in Birmingham that the next two years were going to be extremely difficult, particularly in the construction industry, and only the wise and the tough would survive.

Everyone was aware of the effects of inflation, and it was realized that sacrifice was needed—but in fair proportions, he said.

Mr Stothers continued: "The specifier, be he government or private client, has always taken the view that any financial risks should fall on the contractor. But is that reasonable when so many factors are outside the contractor's control?"

Many of the present contract conditions were still unfair in practice. These included delays in certification and payment, and the demand for fixed price tenders.

Squeeze hits footwear deliveries

Stocks are continuing to pile up at British boot and shoe factories as distributors, hit by high interest rates and profit controls, tighten up on deliveries.

Figures published by the Department of Trade and Industry yesterday show that in the three months ending in August, deliveries to the retail trade were down by 1 per cent more than in the three months ending in May.

Net orders were 7 per cent lower than in the previous three months while at the end of August orders on hand were 11 per cent below the May level.

The index of production, however, was 11 per cent up on the three months ending in May. Actual deliveries at 14.3 million pairs during August were down by more than a million on the equivalent figure for August last year.

To combat the situation many manufacturers have placed workers on short time. A recent survey by the British Footwear Manufacturers' Federation claimed that nearly 44 per cent of the industry's labour force was working below full capacity.

Duke calls for boost to recycling

A call was made by the Duke of Edinburgh yesterday for greater incentives for people to train for careers in the recycling of industrial waste.

He told the Institute of Waste Study Practitioners' management conference in London that he hoped to see a "I think we all know improved technology and innovation are essential if we are to maintain our competitive position in the world, and if essential services for citizens are to be provided reasonable standard", he answered is: How do we encourage enough people to undergo the necessary training to enable them to improve the services and innovation in industry?

"One thing is quite certain you cannot expect them to do it and you certainly cannot do it for them to do it. The answer is that it must be of interest and the interest of the community, to do it."

"There is as much need citizen participation in things as health, education, leisure and recreation there is for worker participation in industry", he added.

Waste collection: Mr Go Oakes, Parliamentary Under-Secretary, Department of Environment, said in London yesterday that waste collection by local authorities provides the greatest potential for extending the reclamation of materials for re-use.


Opening a two-day conference organized by the Local Government Review, he said local authorities were aware that any effort must be both economically beneficial and fund expenditure and supply an appropriate long-term industrial market.

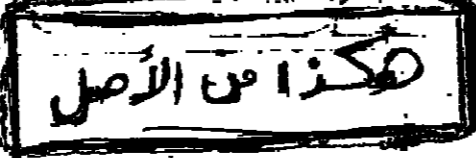


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Business appointments

New ICI deputy chairman

Mr R. W. Pennock, commercial and planning director, has been elected a deputy chairman of the board of ICI with effect from February 1, 1975. He will join the three present deputy chairmen: Mr M. A. E. Hodgson, Mr S. D. Lyon and Mr R. S. Wright. Mr Wright is to become chairman of ICI next April.

Mr Robert Edmiston has been appointed financial controller/company secretary of Jensen Motors.

Mr M. N. Codd (Charlton Brett and Boughby—Southport) has been elected to fill the vacancy on The

Stock Exchange Council

which arose through the election of Mr J. A. Hanson. Herr Heinz Sippel has taken over as chairman of Hessische Landesbank-Girozentrale, replacing Herr Leopold Brocker, who has been ill.

Mr B. Shepherd has been named by Midland Bank International Division as manager, export finance division, succeeding Mr G. F. Bryen, who recently became an assistant chief foreign manager, international division.

Mr J. M. Featherer has joined the board of Sisk Carding Group.

Patent news

Oil storage from supertankers

As tankers become larger so the problem of storing the oil they offload becomes greater. In BPI 365 264, Theodor Prins Axa, of Holland, suggests that the answer is to build a dyke or dam in a river or just offshore in the sea. Such a technique avoids not only the need to waste valuable land space on oil storage but also minimizes fire risk.

First, a large steel-plate partition is erected, for instance along the sea shore, and the sand is dredged away to the desired depth of the oil reservoir. A first compartment, rather like a small rectangular dry dock, is built from four caissons.

Then a string of similar compartments are built alongside the first, each with three caissons, to produce a honeycomb ring of rectangular storage compartments. These compart-

ments are filled with sand previously dredged to provide a massive sand-filled barrier to the empty space inside the honeycomb. This is then filled with oil direct from a tanker.

Screwdriver


In BPI 365 181, George Baragwanath, of Australia, describes and claims a simple but probably very effective new type of screwdriver. Conventional drivers must either incorporate a large handle or suffer from the disadvantage that the grip and purchase they provide for the user is inadequate.

The new proposal is to have a screwdriver with a relatively small handle, but one which incorporates a pivot halfway along its length. When the user needs to drive a screw hard home, he pivots the handle out of its normal straight position into a cross position, in which it resembles a pistol grip. The claim is that a pistol grip on even a relatively small handle gives a far better purchase than a straight grip on a normal handle of the same size.

Adrian Hope

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Taxation	£742,263	£547,122
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Net Profit Attributable	£1,466,172	£1,123,936
Earnings per share	£0.21	£0.16

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Wall Street

New York, Nov. 27.—Wall Street showed a small gain at the close today, failing to hold most of the gains of a rally sparked by

Table with columns for various stocks and their prices, including IBM, AT&T, and others.

coal union bargaining council approval of a tentative contract. The Dow Jones industrial average closed at 619.25, ahead 2.03 points. However, it was up almost 12 points at its high for the session. Advancing issues outnumbered declines by about 830 to 535. Volume totalled 14,810,000 shares compared with 13,600,000 yesterday.

S African mine labour shortage worsening

Johannesburg, Nov. 28.—The number of underground black workers in South Africa's gold mines is still falling and now constitutes only 78 per cent of the work force needed. Mr. A. W. S. Schumann, the Chamber of Mines president, said today. This situation was adversely affecting production and, although it was probably only a short-term problem, Mr. Schumann thought numbers would fall further before the trend was reversed. The total underground labour force in gold mines was now about 274,000 compared with about 322,000 a year ago, and Mr. Schumann added that only substantial improvements in the efficient use of black labour and the rising gold price were cushioning the impact of the decline. Even so, some potential production was being deferred. The cause of the decline is attributed to the stopping of engagements in Malawi following an aircraft crash at Francis town in April, when 74 returning mine workers were killed. Despite official exonerations from any blame, after an inquiry instituted by the Botswana Government, the organizations which operated the aircraft, flights have not yet been resumed. Negotiations with the Malawi Government are continuing.—Reuter.

Bonn had £770m trade surplus in October

Wiesbaden, Nov. 28.—West Germany had a trade surplus of DM4,619m (about £770m) in October, up from DM4,073m in September and from DM3,960m in October, 1973. Giving these figures today, the Federal Statistics Office said that in the first ten months, West Germany chalked up a record trade surplus of DM41,542m compared with DM26,733m in the 1973 period. October exports were at DM21,388m, against DM18,821m in September and DM17,915m in October a year ago. October imports were at DM16,769m, compared with DM14,748m in September and with DM3,935m in October 1973. Ten-month exports rose to DM190,627m from DM146,726m in the like 1973 period. The 10-month imports climbed to DM149,085m from DM119,993m. The current account showed a preliminary surplus of DM2,800m in October, compared with a surplus of DM1,700m in September and with a surplus of DM1,893m in October 1973. The 10-month current account showed a surplus of DM19,900m compared with a surplus of DM5,975m in the like 1973 period. The dollar did not react to the announcement of the figures and remained at DM2.4635 although the surplus for October was slightly lower than had been expected. Meanwhile West Germany's net central monetary reserves rose about DM 700m to about DM 88,500b in the week ended November 25, according to figures published by the West German Federal Bank. The Federal Bank said the rise was largely due to intervention by the Central Bank on the foreign exchange markets in support of other currencies against the mark. Net central reserves are the balance of overall reserves minus certain unspecified foreign liabilities on the Central Bank's balance sheet. Wholesale trade up: Wholesale turnover rose 7 per cent in October from the same month a year ago at current prices, but declined 7 per cent at constant prices. During the first 10 months, wholesale turnover rose 14 per cent at present prices from the corresponding 1973 period, but was scarcely changed at constant prices. Budget surplus: The Canadian government posted a \$119m budgetary surplus in October, compared with a deficit of \$94m in October, 1973, the Finance Department said.

Japanese monthly motor export total down

Tokyo, Nov. 28.—Japanese motor vehicle exports in October dropped 8 per cent to 204,463 units from the September figure. However, this was 19.9 per cent more than a year earlier. The Automobile Manufacturers' Association announced today. The October exports were valued at \$513.43m, including \$30.2m of parts, down 3.1 per cent from September but up 40.8 per cent from a year earlier. The unit total included 122,366 cars, up 5 per cent on a year earlier; 80,781 trucks, up 50 per cent; and 1,316 buses, up 78.3 per cent. Of the total 22,213 units went to South-east Asia (a rise of 19.9 per cent on October, 1973), 17,692 units were exported to the Middle East (up 189 per cent), 26,735 units to Europe (down 5.9 per cent), 78,939 units to north America (down 1.3 per cent), 9,931 units to Latin America (up 32.9 per cent), 18,080 units to Africa (up 10.9 per cent) and 30,850 units to Oceania (up 125.3 per cent). Exports to the United States totalled 66,976 units (down 9.3 per cent) and to Australia 26,137 units (up 129.4 per cent). Motorcycle surge: Motorcycle exports at 258,251 units in October were down 14.3 per cent from September, but 21.9 per cent higher than in 1973. They were valued at \$126.5m, down 10.4 per cent from September, but up 41.7 per cent from a year earlier.—AP-Dow Jones.

Tokyo cool towards Kissinger loan fund

Tokyo, Nov. 28.—Japan's Ministry of Finance has certain reservations about Dr Henry Kissinger's proposed \$25,000m (some £10,700m) loan and guarantee facility to help industrialized nations finance oil import deficits. Mr. Tarochi Yoshida, vice-minister of finance for international affairs, disclosed this today. His reservations centred on its magnitude, on the nature of any conditions that might be placed on fund borrowers, the possible political aspects of the fund and on technical considerations. Mr. Yoshida was not entirely negative however. He said his ministry did not need either to reject the idea outright or to express great enthusiasm about it, mainly because various alternative plans to recycle petrodollars, such as one proposed by the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, were under consideration as well. The main problem with all of the proposals, he continued, lay in the technical aspects of their implementation. He noted that an OECD committee was now working on these problems. The committee had arranged two meetings in December. Mr. Yoshida understood the International Monetary Fund was proposing an expansion of its special oil facility to \$10,000m from \$5,000m at present, he went on. Japan supported enlargement of the IMF fund, mainly because it was aimed at developing countries. Japan wanted to avoid any proposal with political implications or with an "offensive" or "confrontation" flavour.—AP-Dow Jones. Canadian tax cut urged: America should ask Canada to ease its tax on crude oil exports, 17 senators propose in a letter to Dr Kissinger (Reuter reports from Washington). Senator William Brock (Republican, Tennessee) said the tax of more than \$5 a barrel on exports to the United States was discriminatory and made Canadian oil the most expensive of all imported fuels.

Brazil oil outlook brightens

Brasilia, Nov. 28.—Brazil will become self-sufficient in oil by 1979, a government source has disclosed in the newspaper *Journal do Brasil*. This prediction follows the discovery of another oil well off the coast of Campos, in Rio de Janeiro state, earlier this week. Self-sufficiency will come from the production of oil in the Brazilian continental shelf, the *Journal do Brasil* stated, quoting government sources. The *Journal do Brasil* story said Brazil could become independent in oil by the end of the term of President Ernesto Geisel in 1979, although the self-sufficiency could be about 75 per cent which would correspond to a daily production of 600,000 barrels, based on present consumption. Petrobras officials estimate that the country's 1974 import bill will reach \$3,000m, two thirds up on the 1973 total.—AP-Dow Jones.

Canadian Prices

Table listing various Canadian commodities and their prices, such as wheat, oil, and other goods.

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Y sugar futures limit down

New York, Nov. 27.—WORLD SUGAR futures closed at their highest level since after falling to multi-year support levels in late October. The market was buoyant on news of a 3.00c allocation pool totaling 100,000 tons of sugar to be sold in the market, selling when a shipment to rally this morning. When losses extended to 100,000 tons, the market was again buoyant. The futures market was up 1.00c to 12.50c. The futures price of 100 lbs at 12.50c. The futures price of 100 lbs at 12.50c. The futures price of 100 lbs at 12.50c.

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Grant-aided hoteliers warned of penalties if ownership changes are not notified

By Patricia Tisdall
There is to be tightening up by the English Tourist Board on owners of grant-aided hotels whose owners are failing to notify the board of change of ownership or usage.
Mr Dick Reeves, financial director of the ETB, said yesterday that in such cases, hoteliers might be liable not only to repay the grant, but also faced prosecution for withholding information.
At least one hotelier had already been prosecuted on these grounds, he said. In total, according to the ETB, 21 hotels had repaid their grants out of 115 transfers of ownership notified and approved by the board. But Mr Reeves said there was

expected to be a "considerable" increase in repayments this year.
Altogether the Government is expected to pay out a total of £47m in grants for hotel improvements under the Hotel Development Incentives Scheme, which ended in March last year, against an original cost estimate of about £19m.
The scheme, which is administered by the English Tourist Board, set up a year after it came into operation, has been described as one of the most clumsily-worded pieces of legislation on the Statute Book.
The directions made by the Treasury and the Department of Trade as to the conditions of the scheme oblige grant-aided

hoteliers to advise and receive the consent of the ETB if their hotel is sold within the period set out in the grant conditions.
In the case of new hotels, and extensions of new letting bedrooms, this period is 10 years from the date of payment of the grant. In the case of improvements to a hotel in the form of fixed equipment, the period is three years.
Mr Reeves said: "We would like to make it quite clear that when a grant-aided hotel is sold but continues to operate as a hotel, responsibility attaching to the grant can be assumed by the purchaser by means of a deed of covenant."
"In this case the vendor is relieved of any further liability

to the board. However, such a deed is exceedingly difficult to negotiate after the premises are sold."
If arranged before the sale, obtaining the deed was a comparatively straightforward transaction and the board's consent was not normally refused, providing the hotel continued to operate along the same lines under new ownership.
This meant that, for example, it offered the same number of letting bedrooms, meals service, etc.
Grant-aided hotels were regularly inspected by the ETB, and failure to notify it of such changes could equally lead to a demand for repayment of the grant.

French cost of living index moves up 1.2pc

Paris, Nov 28.—France's official cost-of-living index rose in October by 1.2 per cent, according to the Ministry of Economics today. This compares with 1.1 per cent the month before, Richard Wigg reports.
While the increase sets back the goal of reducing the rate of inflation set last June by M Jean-Pierre Fourcade, the Minister, because of the low August figure the government can still point to an improvement in the fight against inflation over the past three months—from an annual rate of 15.2 per cent in July to a 13 per cent level now.
Increases in the cost of bread, milk and sugar were the chief food components of the official price "basket" which were reflected in the index.

Dr Gerling rejects banks support plan

A West German banking consortium said yesterday that Dr Hans Gerling and his Zurich insurers have refused its offer to help Dr Gerling compensate creditors of the collapsed Hestart Bank.
The consortium, led by Westdeutsche Landesbank Girozentrale and Deutsche Bank AG, said it did not see any further way it could help in trying to ensure success of a compensation plan for the creditors.
The consortium said yesterday that Dr Gerling had refused its offer to help Dr Gerling compensate creditors of the collapsed Hestart Bank.

Oman uranium find

Uranium has been found in the United Arab Emirates, according to Arab businessmen recently returned from Abu Dhabi. They said the discovery was made by a United Nations survey team at Wadi Qileidi on the western coast of the Gulf of Oman.

Renault buying Berliet

France's state-owned car maker Renault will buy Société Berliet, the truck subsidiary of Citroën, sources said yesterday in Paris. The transfer of Berliet is one of the conditions set by the government for a loan to Citroën and Peugeot, which are to merge soon.

Reliant sales lure

ReliantMotor Company is offering an interest rate to new car buyers of only 9½ per cent from now until the end of January to stimulate sales of its Scimitar GTE sports car, and Robin three-wheeler. The normal rate is at least 16½ per cent.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Proposed lending capacity of Finance for Industry

From Mr Clive Jenkins
Sir, I wonder whether you or your numerate readership can enlighten me on the following points concerning the proposed £1,000m lending capacity of Finance for Industry.
What was the record of the FCI in 1973? Through whom will the loans be made and on exactly what criteria?
What will the interest rate to industry be set at? Will it be 1½ per cent above bank availability rate or cheaper? If cheaper—why—and to whom?
Will pension scheme members or policy holders be expected to forgo future benefits if pension funds and insurance companies participate at low rates of return?
Will the applicants for and recipients of FFI monies be made known to both the public and employees of the enterprise or will commercial anonymity prevail?
Will only flourishing com-

panies get loans or will there be government guarantees for those in difficulties?
Over what time period will loans be made and for what purposes? When will the money be available? How much money will any single enterprise get as a loan?
These are merely a few of the questions to which financial laymen like me need answers. It must be obvious to all that politically they represent a retreat into old client-customer relationships which need have no relevance to national social objectives and in which the vital worker relationship is not even on the agenda.
Yours faithfully,
CLIVE JENKINS,
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London, N.W.1,
November 22.

Agriculture's top forces gather to plan strategy

From the Duke of Northumbria
Sir, At its meeting last week the Economic Development Committee for Agriculture decided to undertake a strategic study covering many aspects of the future development of United Kingdom agriculture over the next few years.
Many organisations with agriculture as represented by the EDC, including National Farmers' Union, National Union of Agricultural Workers, and Country Landowners' Association, as well as the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food. We also have a representative from the food processing industry.
At our next meeting, committee will be considering details of the programme work for this exercise. I am sure we will fully take account both the points made by Lord Rothschild, Leonard Amey in their article and those raised in the correspondence which has followed from them.
Yours faithfully,
NORTHUMBERLAND,
Chairman, Economic Development Committee for Agriculture,
National Economic Development Office,
Millbank Tower,
London, SW1.

Time to rethink and debate many economic fundamentals

From Mr Alan Hearne
Sir, In view of the present economic situation I hesitate to use the word "crisis" a word which when proffered in the business world has self-fulfilling tendencies. It is perhaps time for a basic rethink and debate on many of the tenets of the "economics of everyday life".
Attention should be drawn to the so-called advantageous economics of large-scale production, for much of today's economic theory and business sense is built upon this concept of "the bigger the better", the natural consequences of which is to concentrate industry in specific locations, thus necessitating vastly greater use of transport facilities, to move both raw materials and finished products, than would be required if the location of industrial production was scattered throughout the country.
This high level of transport demand has numerous repercussions, but these may be singled out as being of particular importance to both the future of the private enterprise and to the "national interest".
First, rising oil prices will cause the price of finished goods to rise rapidly as transport costs form such a large percentage of total production costs. Secondly, even a small compound growth of the economy means that the roads will become even more congested, necessitating expenditure on high class roads—motorway construction costs are average

£2m a mile at least—providing more fuel for the flames of inflation, and no relief for the unemployment level as road building is now very much a capital-intensive industry.
Agrarian land-take must also be considered here; can we really afford the loss of 13 acres of agricultural land for every new mile of motorway built, in a time of food shortage and rising prices?
Thirdly, increased transport use levels must lead to increased environmental destruction, by the usual definitions of noise, air pollution, visual appeal and urban congestion.
Less industrial concentration will stop this pattern developing and perhaps make life more interesting for us all; do we all want to find the same 10 brands of beer and biscuits throughout the country or would we rather sample the delights of regional produce as our forefathers were able to do? It is not a choice between once again a matter of local quality rather than national quantity, so that we may better control price rises, protect our national resources and please our aesthetic senses?
Yours faithfully,
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November 19.

£5 bag of sugar

From Mr W. J. Whymman
Sir, £5 for a bag of sugar. Although this may seem a wheat ludicrous statement, I had to say it is true.
A certain well-known supermarket, near by my own s is displaying a notice on sugar shelf that this comm could be "bought only if tomatoes purchased £5 worth groceries."
For myself I do not need sugar as regular larder but was absolutely horrified watch housewives and espers pensioners staring bewildered at the notice.
I was so concerned that I tackled the local Citizens Advice Bureau. They assured me in fact this practice is perfectly legal, although they were terrified at the £5 1 saved.
Last year were we not to ransom by the power word "blackmail" into gin? Are we now seeing the of the food "blackmail"?

Brickmakers again forced to stockpile

By Malcolm Brown
Brickmakers are stockpiling heavily again in October, according to figures released last night by the Department of the Environment.
If bricks continue to be stored at the present rate the industry could find itself with a dangerously high total of more than 1,000 million bricks in stock when the better building weather approaches next spring.
This could prove an insupportable burden for many firms if the building market does not pick up then.
The department said yesterday that brick production in October reached 501 million but deliveries totalled only 430 million. The stocks increased over the month from 746 million to 817 million, equivalent to seven weeks' production.
Seasonally adjusted production was about 6 per cent below that of September and 25 per cent lower than in October 1973. On the same basis deliveries were down 3 per cent and 31 per cent.
With an ever-increasing proportion of capacity being closed down or "othballed" because of the building slump, the brick-makers face a serious situation unless there is a resurgence of activity in building within the next six months.
During October, according to the Department of the Environment, cement production averaged 351,000 tonnes a week and deliveries 345,000 tonnes.
Seasonally adjusted production fell by 2 per cent compared with September and by 14 per cent on an annual comparison. On a similar basis deliveries were up by 1 per cent on September and down 16 per cent on October 1973.

Decision on nuclear merchant ship soon

By Peter Hill
Government decisions on whether to go ahead with the development of a prototype nuclear merchant ship are expected shortly.
Experts from the Department of Industry and the Atomic Energy Authority have been involved in detailed work over the past few months in re-assessing the economic viability of such a project in the wake of the enormous increase in oil prices since the previous autumn.
The results of their work are now being collated and it is expected that their report will be published early next year when the shipping and ship-building industries, together with other interested parties, will be invited to take part in consultations with the Government.
Much of the basic groundwork was done in a report published in 1971 based on a study ordered by the Ministry of Technology. At that time it was considered that nuclear propulsion was not competitive with traditional fuels, particularly oil.
Vickers, which has retained a small team of experts on nuclear merchant ship propulsion for a number of years, has been strongly behind the moves to press ahead with research and development in this field.

£40m GEC turbine order

A £40m order has been placed by the Central Electricity Generating Board with GEC Gas Turbines for 10 70MW turbines, it was announced yesterday. A letter of intent has already been sent to the group and contracts are expected to be signed within the next few weeks.
The CEGB intends to use the turbines as multi-purpose machines, embracing normal economic generation, provision

OPEC sets unchanged crude price

Vienna, Nov 28.—Experts of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries ended a three-day meeting today with a recommendation to maintain 1975 crude oil prices at the present level. An OPEC delegation explained: "This recommendation was made for the sake of economic stability."
OPEC's economic commission met here on Tuesday to draft price proposals for 1975 and study recommendations for a better pricing system. Their recommendation will be submitted for approval to the OPEC ministerial meeting here on December 12.
"The economic commission will meet again two days before the ministerial meeting to work out technical details of the recommendation", the delegate said. The present posted price of crude is \$11.65 a barrel.
It was stated that the economic commission also discussed a new single pricing system to safeguard the consumer, which would be governed by supply and demand.
General outlines of this plan were worked out at a meeting of experts from OPEC's 13 member states last month.
Allegations against Mobil: Australia's subsidiary of the Mobil Oil Company, it was alleged, had made well over \$1.75m from illegal payments and secret commissions, according to a statement in the Victoria State Parliament.
Mr Clyde Holding, opposition Labour Party leader, told the Legislative Assembly the alleged deals had been carried out through a series of marketing agreements with tyre-battery and accessory suppliers,

Wallace Brothers Bank Limited

Mr. Desmond FitzGerald reports a continuing policy of high liquidity and increased shareholders' funds.

The Results
The financial year to 31st July 1974 has been one of substantial change and progress for the Bank.
During April 1974 the authorised and issued capital of the Bank was increased from £7.5 million to £9.0 million by the subscription for cash of £1.5 million of 7% cumulative preferred shares by a sister subsidiary within the Wallace Brothers Group. Shareholders' funds, as shown in the consolidated balance sheet, have increased during the period from £9.1 million to £11.1 million.
The consolidated profit and loss account for the year evidences a reasonable level of achievement when all the adverse factors of the economy during the period have been acknowledged. Profit before tax and extraordinary items was £1,028,073 compared with the previous year's figure of £1,288,843. After taxation, extraordinary items and dividends, the accretion to the reserves is £503,583.
The consolidated Balance Sheet shows a useful increase in most items, reflecting the continuing growth of the Bank (though not at the same proportionate rate as in earlier years). Deposits at £77 million compare with the previous year's figures of £72.4 million and in addition it will be seen that the Bank has begun to issue its own Certificates of Deposit (£4.2 million). A special word of appreciation is due to the Discount Market for their assistance in facilitating this operation, particularly by making a secondary market in our C.D.'s since issue. Both our subsidiaries in Jersey and Sydney have made substantial contributions to our deposit base and it is a matter of record that the aggregate of our current liabilities has increasingly benefited from the close links which we enjoy with a number of Group companies and associates in the U.K. and abroad. When the U.K. and World Money Markets are so restricted at the longer end, it is important to be able to attract substantial term funds from one's immediate Group associates. Acceptances on behalf of customers have shown a useful increase from £12.5 million to £15.0 million and our loans and advances to customers and other accounts from £32.2 million to £39.5 million. As mentioned in my last Statement, the Bank has always maintained a high degree of liquidity, and although this is not particularly profitable, it is a comfort to all that we can show consolidated first line liquid resources of £48.9 million.
The Bank has as a matter of deliberate policy ceased all activity in quoted share trading on its own account during the course of the year. At the same time, following the acquisition by our parent company of the majority of the outstanding shares in Hermes Securities Limited (the Bank itself already owns 50% of this company), a more logical re-arrangement of assets took

place during the year in order to take the fullest advantage of the proven skills and management of Hermes. As a result, in the investment field (both quoted and unquoted) the Bank itself now concentrates solely on those investments acquired during the year for the long term, where a special relationship exists between the Bank and the companies concerned and where the Bank has a continuing and meaningful role to play in their affairs.
United Kingdom Activities
In the U.K., every side of the Bank had a busy time, with the commercial banking division making very much the most substantial contribution, after all provisions for bad or doubtful debts. Profits from banking activities have more than doubled the previous year's level. The management team has grown, and we are indeed fortunate in having secured the services of Mr. R. A. M. Baillie (our senior commercial banking director) and Mr. P. A. Butler, in November 1973 and June 1974 respectively. Mr. B. A. FitzGerald was appointed to the Board on 1st August 1974.
The Investment Division has had a difficult time as might be expected when viewing the substantial falls in market values generally. However, with regard to our investment clients our policy has been to establish, wherever possible, a high degree of liquidity throughout the period.
The Company Finance Division would have enjoyed a record year but for the poor stock market conditions,

which led us to advise the postponement of two quite substantial new issues. Nonetheless the Division made a solid contribution to banking profits and was involved in an increasing number of merger and acquisition situations.
Our associated companies once again made a useful contribution to the Group results, largely due to the profitability of Hermes Securities Limited, which enjoyed another good year. This level of profit from Hermes is unlikely to be maintainable, at least in the current year, but the contribution of the Hermes executives in many aspects of the Bank's affairs is already proving immensely beneficial to the Bank. Meanwhile, the profitability of the other associated companies is expected to continue to grow.
Overseas Activities
Turning now overseas, we have sold our shareholding in E. D. Sassoon Bank and Trust International Limited, Nassau (which is now 100% owned by the Crown Agents for Oversea Governments and Administrations), but we have retained a very close correspondent relationship with that bank, and we are delighted that the Managing Director, Mr. D. H. Mansfield, has agreed to remain on our Board.
Our wholly-owned subsidiary in Jersey has made an excellent contribution to Group profits (£140,000 before tax), and we must congratulate the Managing Director, Mr. B. D. Larbalestier, and his team on their

success. During the year we had occasion to welcome the appointment of Sir Giles Guthrie to the Board of the Jersey bank. More and more clients overseas are making use of the facilities of Jersey banks for the depositing of funds, the management of investments and the establishment of trusts and corporations. It is gratifying to feel that we are getting our share of this new and developing business.
In Australia, our wholly-owned subsidiary Wallace Brothers Sassoon Limited has further increased its assets and the scope of its operations. Through the banking company, Wallace Sassoon Limited, we have seen a most useful growth in assets, and that company produced a decent profit in extremely difficult circumstances. As in the U.K., so in Australia we have determined to stay liquid as our first priority even if this approach may restrict profitability over the short term.
In order to maintain acceptable ratios and to accommodate the new business, the capital of our Australian Group has been further increased from A\$750,000 to A\$1.6 million.
Change of Name
We have changed our name to Wallace Brothers Bank Limited. The Board has felt for some time that as there exists a number of companies traditionally bearing the name of Sassoon in their titles and since we have no longer any direct investment in the original Sassoon banking operation in the Bahamas, it was only sensible to eliminate any future confusion between similar sounding but otherwise quite unconnected operations.
Board Appointments
I have already mentioned the appointment of three additional Directors on our commercial banking side: I should also like to welcome the appointments of Mr. M. A. Citroen (of Hermes) and Mr. N. Hewins (of Crown Agents), as non-executive Directors. Our full Board (including overseas Directors) now numbers fourteen.
The Future
I do not generally make forecasts for the future, other than to indicate the policy of the Board for a continuing expansion of our Bank on all fronts, both at home and abroad. In spite of the almost unprecedented conditions which surround us, I believe that the Bank will continue to expand. However, the rate of expansion must be dictated by our own ability to plot a prudent course between the increasing list of customers requiring our services, and the natural limitations imposed by the guide lines and regulations of the Authorities and our own financial and management resources.

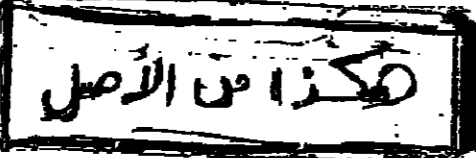
Consolidated Financial Statement as at 31st July, 1974

	1973	1974
Balances with bankers, money at call and short notice	27,430,675	22,378,599
Certificates of deposit and bills discounted	19,324,071	15,313,500
Quoted investments	103,779	2,880,557
Special deposit with the Bank of England	833,900	850,000
Term loans with banks and local authorities	2,908,154	7,305,387
Loans and advances and other accounts	39,493,358	32,196,074
Amounts due by group companies	512,400	185,083
Unquoted investments	492,639	652,639
Liability of customers for acceptances	15,025,000	12,482,500
Associated companies and long term investments	3,130,168	354,887
Fixed assets	349,202	274,716
	£109,746,161	£85,882,418
Deposits, current and other accounts	78,063,401	73,181,039
Certificates of deposit issued	4,230,000	3,200,000
Accounts due to group companies	1,202,608	399,350
Acceptances on behalf of customers	15,025,000	12,482,500
Outside shareholders' interest in subsidiaries	—	303,918
Paid up capital and reserves	11,113,111	9,109,511
	£109,746,161	£85,882,418

Copies of the Annual Report and full Chairman's Statement are available from the Company Secretary

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D. R. S. FitzGerald, Chairman.

FINANCIAL NEWS AND MARKET REPORTS

Board reshuffled at French-Kier after £2.4m loss in six months

By Our Financial Staff
News of heavy interim losses and a boardroom reshuffle at construction group French Kier sent the shares tumbling 2p to a new "low" of 5p yesterday.

The impact of inflation, the energy crisis, delayed deliveries and high interest charges had been more adverse than anticipated. In particular fixed price contracts in the group's motor-vehicle construction business, had resulted in work being completed at "wholly unrealistic prices".

This division had now received a substantial cash injection following recent negotiations which gave the board confidence "that the future of the company is secure".

Stock markets

Property sector takes a fresh pounding

The stock market survived the announcement of ICI's third quarter results—which were regarded with satisfaction—with but a few fluctuations. Mr T. J. Wignall relinquished the chairmanship of the company, remaining on the main board, while Mr W. G. N. Roach and Mr W. L. Kent resigned. Mr J. C. S. Mott, the present managing director of Kier, had been elected chairman, and Mr W. R. Hare, a former director of W. & C. French, had been appointed a director of the company.

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Eng & O'seas qualified

Saddled by an auditors' qualification in that they are unable to express an opinion on the state of affairs of the company at March 31, or on its loss for the 15 months to date, English & Overseas Investments show a slide into a loss of £249,000 (for a year). Turnover for the 15 months was £29.7m compared with £2m for 12 months. The final dividend is also passed.

Slower third quarter at Amalgamated Metal

By David Mott
With metal prices generally declining, in some cases steeply, trading conditions for Amalgamated Metal Corporation, controlled by Consolidated Tin Smelters, became more difficult in the third quarter.

The result is that the group was unable to maintain the "exceptional" rate of profit achieved in the first half—when the pre-tax soared from £1.53m to £5.47m—and in the third quarter grossed a much more modest 82 per cent to £2.36m. This leaves the first nine months figure at a still impressive £7.83m against £2.82m.

Bank Base Rates

Table listing bank base rates for Barclays Bank, FNFC, Hill Samuel, etc.

Daimler-Benz block sold

Bad Homburg, Nov 28
Without disclosing the identity of the purchaser, Herbert Quandt and the Harald Quandt heirs have sold the greater part of their holding in commercial vehicle group Daimler-Benz.

A spokesman declined to say how large a share had been sold, or the purchase price. Daimler shares closed at DM253 in Düsseldorf—down DM2 from the opening.

Profit and dividend from LMI

Shareholders of London & Midland Industrial are again to get a dividend payment after a year's omission with an interim payment of 1.5p. The board expects to make another payment for the full year. This follows a complete turnaround from a loss of £549,000 to a profit of £510,000.

EMI unlikely to beat peak £35m

Lower profits are envisaged for EMI, the international music, electronics and leisure group, following the preceding year's peak £35.09m pre-tax. Sir Joseph Lockwood, chairman, who retired after the annual meeting yesterday, told shareholders that group sales were at record levels, but margins were not keeping pace and interest costs had risen sharply. Consequently, profits were hard to maintain.

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Latest dividends

Table of latest dividends for various companies like Biffy & Baron, Brit Steam, etc.

£3m French deal by Lucas

Joseph Lucas Industries is to acquire a 50 per cent stake in Roto-Diesel SA from La Société BDA for about £3m cash, subject to French government approval.

The French company is situated at Blois, in the Loire Valley, about 100 miles southwest of Paris, and is the largest manufacturer of diesel fuel injection systems in that country. It was formed 14 years ago as a joint venture between DBA and Lucas to manufacture the Lucas range of CAV rotary pumps.

Hay's Wharf in leap to near £4m

Interim profits of Proprietors of Hay's Wharf were 16 per cent ahead—slightly higher than the budgeted level—but full results show a much increased rate of growth. On turnover 30 per cent higher at £31m for the year to September 30, pre-tax profit of £2.3m rose to £3.34m—comfortably a record.

Anglovaal mining profits

The estimated net profits of Consolidated Murchison is up from £5m to £11.4m for this year and a final payment of 100 cents makes a total of 130 cents against 37 cents. At Associated Manganese Mines of SA the estimate is for a figure of R6.7m (R4.13m) with a total payment of 41 cents (4 cents) for Eastern Transvaal Consolidated Mines and of 85 cents (50 cents) at Hartbeestfontein Gold Mining.

Nchanga sales rise

Nchanga Consolidated Copper Mines had a sales income of £113.7m in the three months to September 30, bringing the six-months figure to £226.2m against £247m in the half-year to September, 1973. Pre-tax profits in the latest quarter were £32.6m (£21.8m) against £113.8m for the six months to last September. £115m in the same months the year before, and £276.5m in the full year to last March. The latest quarter's after tax profit was only £15m (£10m) against £42.1m for the six months.

Richard's Ltd

£50,000 share of the loss of an associate pulled back the profits of Richards Ltd, textile manufacturers, from £496,000 to £42,000 pre-tax in the year to September 30. Turnover was £6.7m (£5.9m). Earnings were down from 2.53p to 1.7p a share but the total dividend is up from 1.05p to 1.17p.

HAMBROS LIMITED
Interim Statement
Hambro Group profits for the six months to 30th September, 1974, after making provision for unrealised falls in security values, are materially below those of the corresponding period of the previous year.

Ultra slips back

Turnover of Ultra Electronic Holdings in the first half to September 30 rose by 16.4 per cent to £3.8m, but rising costs cut taxable profits from £182,000 to £169,000 and again there is an interim dividend. The group returned to the dividend list for the first time last year after a lapse of three years.

British Steam

Following up last year's record profit of £1.16m before tax, British Steam Specialities has achieved a 30 per cent rise for the first half-year to £688,000. Turnover increased from £6.85m to £9.15m. Net profits of this specialist supplier of pipeline equipment are ahead from £437,000 to £571,000. The dividend goes ahead from 2.14p to 2.25p.

Downing depressed

The housebuilding recession has led to an increase in the brick stocks of G.H. Downing, the clay products group, and financing the stocks cost £250,000 in the half-year to September 30. Reflecting continued pressure on margins, profits fell from (£184,000). Board says results affected by three-day week; encouraging outlook for second half.

Causton setback

Profits of printing group Sir Joseph Causton & Sons declined from £358,000 to £223,000 in the year to September 30 on turnover up from £7.17m to £8.47m. Earnings per share fell back from 3.1p to 2.45p. Dividend payment is unchanged at 2.45p. Profits include some £129,000 for a full year from an acquisition (£96,000 for nine months), £62,000 from another acquisition, and £10,000 for its share of a loss by an associated company.

Sedgwick Forbes

For this year Sedgwick Forbes are to make a single dividend of 2.45p.

Briefly

- BUCKLEY'S BREWERY
Turnover in half-year to September 30, £17m, pre-tax profit £280,000 (£235,000). Interim dividend 0.41p (0.37p).
E. E. JAVONS
In half-year to end-September taxable profits, £263,000 (£218,000); interim dividend, 1.11p (1p); unlikely that results for second half will reach level of same period last year.

LM ERICSSON

LM ERICSSON's profit during 1974's first nine months rose 25 per cent to \$124m (US), before depreciation and tax.—AP-Dow Jones, Stockholm.

FLIGHT REFUELLING

In half year to June 30 profit of £20,000 (£12,500). Interim dividend 1.12p (1.07p) results for second half show an improvement on first half.

Issues & Loans

Council of Europe loan confirmed

The Council of Europe has agreed a £300m Luxembourg 10 per cent seven-year loan for which subscription lists at the end of next week manager Banque Lar Luxembourg said yesterday.

Mitsubishi to raise DM100m

Mitsubishi Heavy Ind. will raise a DM100m loan, a proposed 10 per cent and five-year term managed by Deutsche Bank Ag. Bond sources said in Frankfurt, Deutsche Bank decline to confirm the borrower, but provisional conditions DM100m foreign company offering will probably today.

Eurobond prices (midday indicators)

Table of Eurobond prices for various countries and maturities.

Underwriters' Nat Insurance

The Department of Trade has issued a correction of its press notice (October 11) stating that the department had prohibited Underwriters National Assurance Company, of Indiana, from taking on new business in Britain.

Grenfell to link up

Messrs Grenfell & Co and Colegrave & Co, members of the Stock Exchange, say that following the decision of Colegrave to dissolve, certain partners will join Grenfell which will be restyled Grenfell and Colegrave. Other partners will be associated with the new firm. This change is planned to take place in January, subject to SE consent. The place of business of the new firm will be the offices of Grenfell in London Wall.

Miln Marsters link

The plan under which Milnhog, the Swedish sugar beet producer, will take a 21.3 per cent stake in Miln Marsters has been approved by MM shareholders at an extraordinary meeting. Under the scheme the two companies will enter into a new 13-year trading agreement with MM selling the Swedish group's beet seed varieties in the United Kingdom. Mr A. Emanuelsson and Dr K. Lindqvist are joining the MM board.

Inveresk bids

Inveresk Group has offered to acquire the whole of the issued share capital of Vernon Packaging, a Northampton-based public company which makes printed folding cartons. Assuming full acceptance the purchase consideration will amount to £1.75m and will be payable in cash in full on completion.

MARKET REPORTS

Foreign exchange currencies, improved from 20.7 to 20.6 per cent. The gold price fell \$2.50 an ounce, to \$181.75.

Discount market Conditions were fairly comfortable in the discount market yesterday with secured call rates closing between eight and nine per cent against ten per cent at the opening, market sources said. The Bank of England did not intervene.

An excess of Government disbursements over Exchequer receipts acted to pump money into the market, but a net take-up of Treasury bills combined with an outflow of notes to drain funds, the sources noted.

The market is thought to have closed with a small surplus, but carried forward overnight, to help offset the large shortage forecast today, the sources added.

US markets closed All United States markets were closed yesterday for Thanksgiving Day.

Money Market Bank of England Minimum Lending Rate 11 1/4% (unchanged 9.75%)

Table with columns for various market indicators like US 10-year Treasury, 3-month Treasury, etc.

Commodities

COPPER steady. Afternoon: Cash was \$294.00-295.00 a metric ton. Three months' contract, \$297.00-298.00. Sales: 2,000 tons.

Wool: Futures closed steady. Nov-Dec: 162.50-163.00. Dec: 163.00-163.50. Jan: 163.50-164.00.

Grain: Wheat futures closed steady. Nov-Dec: 172.00-173.00. Dec: 173.00-174.00. Jan: 174.00-175.00.

Oil: Crude oil futures closed steady. Nov-Dec: 12.50-12.60. Dec: 12.60-12.70. Jan: 12.70-12.80.

Metals: Lead, zinc, and tin futures closed steady. Lead: 100.00-101.00. Zinc: 1.10-1.11. Tin: 1.20-1.21.

Spot Position of Sterling: London 100 = 1.48, New York 100 = 1.48, Hong Kong 100 = 1.48.

Recent Issues: British 10-year Treasury, 3-month Treasury, etc.

Forward Levels: 1 month, 3 months, 6 months, 12 months.

Authorized Units, Insurance & Offshore Funds: List of various financial products.

Large table listing various authorized units, insurance, and offshore funds with columns for name, bid, offer, and other details.

Insurance Bonds and Funds: List of insurance-related financial products.

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Spotlight on Kent

Hampton & Sons

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FURNACE HILL (see photo): 2 bedrooms; 2 reception; kitchen; bathroom; detached garage; 20 acres. Up to 15 acres of wood. Price £36,000.

R. H. & R. W. CLUTTON, Chartered Surveyors, East Grinstead, Sussex (Tel: 0342 24131).

EAST KENT

CANTERBURY: A sup. det. house in lovely rural setting. 1 mt. City Centre. 5 bedrooms, 3 baths, bath, cloak, 2nd floor. C.H. 2 cars. 250 sq ft. approx. 25 acres. 25 acres of wood. Price £39,995 F.H. 11/20/74.

Mr SEVENOAKS MODERN BUNGALOW 4 bedrooms, lounge, dining room, tiled kitchen, breakfast room, C.H. Large playroom. Price £42,500 o.n.o.

KENT/SUSSEX BORDER Near Havant. Lovely period farmhouse with fine Georgian front located in beautiful countryside. Price £39,750.

WICKHAMBEAUX CANTERBURY 15th century Kentish Farmhouse. 4 bedrooms, full central heating, 100 ft. barn, stable, 20 acres of wood. Price £25,000.

HERNE BAY Family house in the heart of Herne Valley. 4 bedrooms, 3 reception rooms, 2 bathrooms, C.H. Price £19,750.

RIVERSIDE HOUSE To let for 1-2 years from January. 1/2 acre garden, 3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, C.H. Price £200 p.m.

WILMINGTON Unique detached bungalow. 2 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, C.H. Price £24,500.

GEORGIAN WATERFRONT Period elegance with all modern conveniences within walking distance of London. Price £45,000.

BICKLEY Spectacular 3 bed. det. house in quiet road. Gas C.H., 2 large en suite bedrooms, bathroom, close proximity to amenities. Price £31,000.

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TONBRIDGE 13th-century stone-built house in quiet road. Price £25,000.

PLUCKLEY 18th-century stone-built house in quiet road. Price £25,000.

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It's a very good time to buy, says Mr R. W. Innis, senior partner in the estate agency of that name which operates in the Orpington and Farnborough-Sevenoaks areas. "Property values are bound to go up, firstly because of the nationalization of development land which means high prices for exempt land, and secondly because of the massive increase in the cost of new building."

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The shortage of houses, Mr Innis says, is a result of the economic situation. People are "concerned about the future, and some vendors in the middle and upper price ranges are withdrawing their properties from the market because they lack confidence in being able to buy the kind of homes they want."

This atmosphere of doubt is particularly noticeable in the area of executive-type housing," Mr Innis says, "and in country properties. People are hanging on to what they have got because "Naturally, this has put pressure on the letting market, and if anything there is a slight shortage of property. We are coming to the end of an industrial estate here in Folkestone, with perhaps two or three sites to go, of about 30,000 square feet each. This estate will be extended to 13 acres in the new year and will be let on a ground rent basis."

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FOR SALE AND WANTED DIAMOND JEWELRY Antique Jewellery offered for sale, including a 10ct diamond ring, 18ct gold watch

FOR SALE AND WANTED CHALLENGER PRINTING LITHO PRINTING, automatic press, 20 inch setting, making, Red Top, 24 inch setting, making, Red Top

FOR SALE AND WANTED FULL SIZE Roll Color, beautiful 20 inch wide, condition 2500 G.N.-551 4904.

FOR SALE AND WANTED VACHERON CONSTANTIN watch, 18ct gold case, new, automatic, 21,500 G.N.-551 4904.

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roadcasting there and everywhere. Test cricket comes by satellite from Brisbane (BBC 7.5) still down under the Wilderness series ventures out beyond Alice Springs

BBC 2 9.30 am, Labour Party Conference, 11.00, Play School, 11.35-12.40 pm, Labour Party Conference, 6.40, The Black and White

Thames 12.00, Rainbow, 12.15 pm, Alistair in Songland, 12.30, Kreskin, 1.00, News, 1.30, Lunchtime, 1.50, News, 2.00, Film: The Third

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The Times Crossword Puzzle No 13,855... ACROSS... 1 Concrete as unsuitable for building castles in Spain...

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